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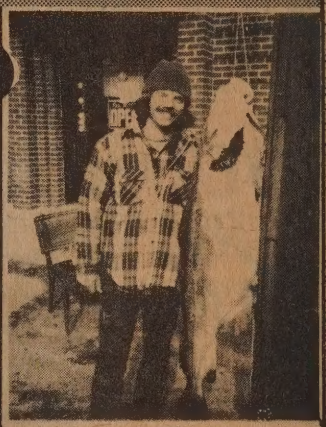

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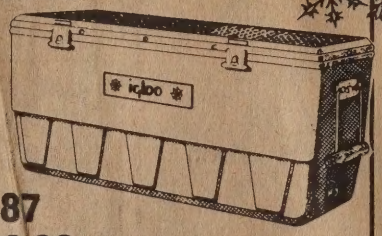

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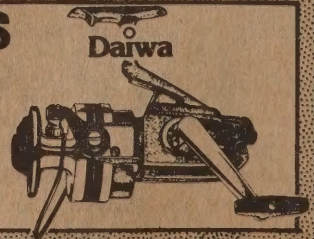

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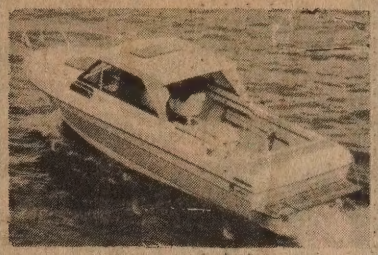

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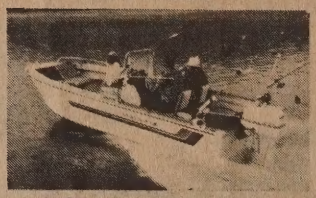

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In this year's listing of those who contributed to The Fisherman's Send-A-Kid Fishing Program, several names were inadvertently omitted from the published list. Our apologies and thanks to Captain Bob and Joan Rocchetta of Rainbow Charters, Surfside III Tuna Club and Cliff Ayala.

STATE RECORD HOLDERS TAKE NOTE

Any angler currently listed as a New York State Record Holder and who has not yet received their State Record Certificate, please contact Fred Golofaro at The Fisherman office, (516) 725-4200.

LICENSE FEVER IS SPREADING

Licensing saltwater anglers to gain political parity and raise money for state sport fishing programs has until recently been a phenomemon known only to the West Coast and a couple of states on the Gulf. But there are encouraging signs that this may be changing—in a big way.

On September 1st, Louisiana joined Gulf Coast neighbors Texas and Alabama by instituting a license to fish by rod and reel in saltwater, defined as all waters seaward of the intracoastal waterway plus Lake Pontchartrain. Maryland, beginning on January 1, 1985, will break the ice on the Atlantic Seaboard and require a license to angle in the tidal waters of Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Elsewhere—Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Mississippi—fishermen are talking more seriously and more often than ever before about what a licensing program could do for fishing in their state.

Several factors may have contributed to these events. One is certainly the need for money to support growing fisheries research and management needs. Passage this summer of the Dingell/Johnson Expansion Act makes additional federal matching funds available for the first time based on the number of marine anglers in each state. A licensing system will both increase a state's share of the total D/J funds (a share based on the number of licensed anglers and the state's total land area) and give marine resource managers an accurate count to be used in dividing the money the state receives fairly between fresh and salt water programs. There is also the specter of federal pre-emption in the form of the "Sawyer Bill," which would, if passed by Congress, set national standards for state licensing. Initiative on the part of the states now will forestall any possible federal intervention. Finally, there is the domino theory. With each state that adopts a license, more pressure is exerted on the remaining to follow suit. Some, no doubt, are only waiting for someone else to make the first move and thereby deflect the political heat.

As we have noted before in these pages, anglers are recognizing that licensing gives them an edge up in their fight for state and federal funding of sport fishing programs. That's why commercial fishermen have long smiled at the inability of anglers to get their act together on this issue. They know the potential political leverage it offers sport fishermen in the allocation of resources and revenues—leverage that they alone have enjoyed for too many years.

FISH AND HELP SOMEONE TOO!

This past June, a very unfortunate incident occurred. A small boy was hit by a car while riding his bike. He is the son of Deb and Steve Hawkins and his name is Derek. He was seriously injured and has made heroic gains, but is at this time paralyzed from the chest down. He is still hospitalized, but doing well. Within six months to a year he is scheduled to be coming home. In the meantime, to combat astronomical medical costs and to begin necessary home renovations, a fund has been created.

On November 17th, the open boat "Miss Point Lookout" will sponsor Derek Hawkins Day. Half the proceeds of both trips will be donated to the fund. The trips are scheduled for 7:30 till noon and 1PM till 5:30PM. We are hoping for a big turnout, so if you are planning a trip, please make it this day.

Any friends wishing to contribute may write to: Derek Hawkins Fund, P.O. Box 156, Holbrook, L.I., NY 11741, or contact Capt. Ron or Deb Murray, 661-8612.

SHINNECOCK MARLIN & TUNA CLUB AWARDS DINNER

The Shinnecock Marlin & Tuna Club recently held their Annual Awards Dinner at the Southampton Polish Hall. Approximately 250 members and guests were on hand to honor those anglers winning trophies for their catches during the 1984 season. Among the 150 awards given out were the following:

Outstanding Achievement by a Junior Angler: 232 lb. 8 oz. mako on 30 lb. line by Peter Hunt, Jr.

Outstanding Achievement: 6 lb. 4 oz. sea bass by Bob Herman. New 12 lb. IGFA record.

Captain's Award: Capt. Dana Penny, "Fish Hawk."

The Joseph Cioffe Jr. Memorial Award: 93 lb. 12 oz. white marlin by Lou Grasso.

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Lynne Molnar, Anne Lewandowski.

The newly elected club officers for 1985 were introduced. They are: President—Pat McCarthy; Vice President—Bob Hubler; Treasurer—Joanne Herman; Secretary—Fred Havemeyer and Directors—Floyd Carrington, Tom Jackson, Jim Hummel and Jim Stolze.

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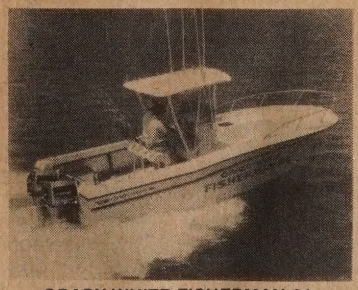

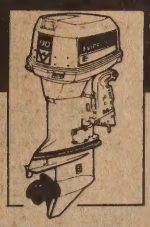

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Black Sea Bass	9 / 0	Sal Vicari	10/10/83	Montauk
Blackfish	16 / 3	Ian Lindsay	10/31/84	L.I. Sound
Bluefish	24 / 8	Erin McDonnel Brown	9/29/79	L.I. Sound
Cod	85 / 0	Fred Shay, Jr.	2/25/84	Montauk
Flounder (Winter)	5 / 2	Thomas McCabe	6/27/83	Montauk
Fluke	22 / 7	Charles Nappi	9/15/75	Montauk
Marlin (Blue)	940 / 0	Skip Lowell Mickey Kreitovich	8/4/81 7/26/84	Montauk Montauk
Marlin (White)	130 / 0	Mrs. P. Dater	8/13/51	Montauk
Pollock	40 / 0	Jay York	7/15/84	Jones Inlet
Porgy (Scup)	6 / 4	Samuel Warren	1978	Montauk
Shark (Blue)	393 / 0	Roy Carpenter	9/8/79	Montauk
Shark (Mako)	1080 / 0	James Melanson	8/26/79	Montauk
Shark (Tiger)	1047 / 0	Bob Jessen	7/16/83	Fire Island
Shark (White)	1450 / 0	Richard Pastorelli	7/24/65	Montauk
Striped Bass	76 / 0	Bob Rocchetta	7/17/81	Montauk
Swordfish	492 / 4	Dorothea Cassullo	7/4/59	Montauk
Tuna (Bigeye)	335 / 0	Richard Buechmann	9/27/81	Fire Island
Tuna (Bluefin)	1071 / 0	Larry Thompson	8/21/77	Montauk
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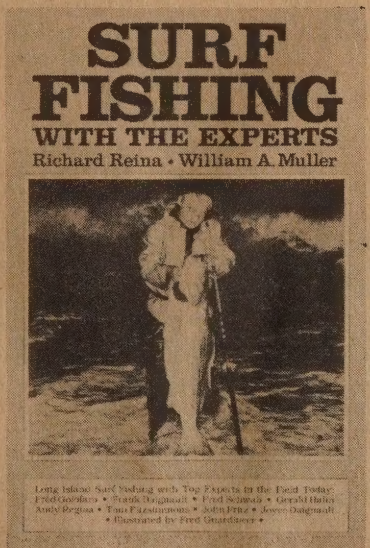

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SKYLINE STRIPERS

by Gary Caputi

With Manhattan Island as a backdrop, transient stripers wallop the offerings of bass wise anglers.

The Hudson River, which may be the last bastion of the striped bass population, is still responsible for many of the stripers being caught in the Long Island, New Jersey and southern New England area. The small fish seem somewhat more plentiful this year along the North Jersey Coast and in Western Long Island Sound are coming from this beautiful river, and the Hudson is still producing viable stripers in increasing numbers against all odds. The credit must go to an active group of fishermen and fishing clubs and groups of environmentally concerned anglers from both sides of the river and all up and down the coast.

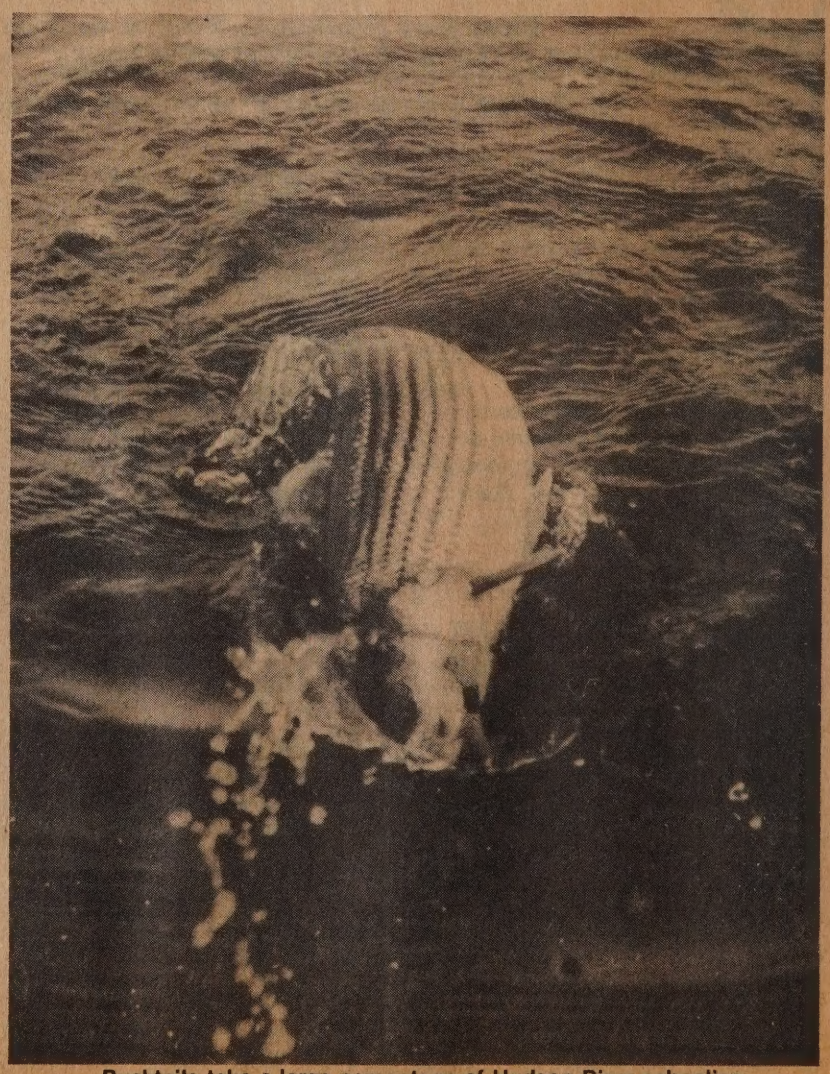
Organizations like the Hudson River Fishermens Association, one of the first to raise the banner of concern and go head on with polluters both in court and in the media. If not for their gallant efforts, who knows where the stocks of striped bass that live and breed in the waters of the Hudson might be today. The situation in the Chesapeake is all too familiar to these fishermen and has made many more join in the fight to keep the Hudson clean and free for future generations of fish and fishermen. Without their work, this article and many more articles about striper fishing would be empty works.

The Hudson is traditionally a hot-spot for striper fishing at two times of the year. The spring finds hungry bass being caught in its feeder rivers from the Tappan Zee Bridge north. The traditional areas known to most fishermen are those around the Croton River and further north to Bannerman Island. These areas are the winter home to many millions of bass. During the winter, graph recorders can make some incredible pictures of schools of large stripers resting just off the bottom in vast numbers. The fish lay practically dormant through the cold months, waiting for the water to warm and to start the cycle again.

Starting in late September, the stripers from the Hudson that ran out to sea to roam the beaches north and south of the river's mouth are beginning to head back to the sanctuary of its waters. These are the fish that are being taken by jetty fishermen in the North Jersey area and the schoolies that have made many a kid and adult alike smile with pleasure along the North Shore of Long Island and up into Connecticut. They are on their way home for the cold weather. But with all the fishermen jigging them at Sandy Hook and casting the jetties for them, you almost never see anyone actually fishing in the river for the homeward bound bass. This always struck me as a little odd. There seems to be a stigma surrounding the fishing for stripers in the Hudson in the fall.

Going back some years ago, when I used to hang around a tackle shop in Fort Lee, right near the foot of the George Washington Bridge, there were many fishermen who would come in for worms to fish for the tommy cod from the parking lots along the Palisades. Quite frequently, they would show back with a school striper or two and comment that others had taken a few bass, too. But nobody was fishing for stripers specifically. Well, maybe it's time to let the cat out of the bag. I've seen some prime fishing spots along the southern stretches of the river going unfished for too many years.

Going back 10 years ago, I knew a certain outdoor writer, editor in the making, who would fish the area where the East River meets the Hudson at the tip of Manhattan



Bucktails take a large percentage of Hudson River schoolies.

Island. The spot is called Spuyten Duyvil and Lord knows what it means in Dutch. It is an area of heavy currents and fast water, with rips, eddies and just nasty looking movement. Just the kind of place to attract bass.

He would fish the area from the shore, going north over the East River on the Henry Hudson Parkway and getting off at the first exit. Then weaving his way back to the river and parking in an old railroad yard, he fished from several hours before the sun came up to a few hours after. His name was something like Pete Barrett; yeah, that might be it.

Barrett kept this up until one day he came up from the rocks after fishing most of the night and found his '68 Cutlass stripped. That put a kink in the action and it was time to start fishing the spot from a boat. It's harder for the local vandals to get at you and your vehicle when you're both about 100 feet offshore.

This area is one prime striper spot in the fall when the bass are migrating back into the river. Not only does it attract bass coming up the river from the Sandy Hook and South Shore of Long Island area, but it also holds fish coming into the river through the Sound by way of the East River. There are plenty of bridge pilings to hold bait and the area has underwater ridges and dropoffs that make some super rips.

The bass in the fall can be seen breaking the surface and swirling in the currents at times and then plugs can catch some nice fish. Most fish seen here are of the schoolie variety, but we have seen some hulking shapes in that water at particularly turbulent times of the tide stages. I'm talking big bass in the 25 pound and up class. Since I haven't seen anyone personally take anything over 18 pounds there, I won't get too wild with the stories, but there are some who talk about bass that would make you raise an eyebrow or two. Maybe with the secret out, we'll be able to see a few of those big guys pictures here in The Fisherman.

Tidal stages are a bit strange at Spuyten Duyvil with the two rivers converging there. An incoming tide produces a strong flow of water flowing out of the East River into the Hudson and this seems to produce the most fish. When the tide is outgoing, the water is sucked from the Hudson into the East River and that makes it difficult to fish from the Hudson side of the bridge. If you are using a small maneuverable boat, it is possible to fish the outgoing tide from the East River side, but this has not been the most productive. It probably hasn't been as productive just for lack of trying, but when a spot is so underfished, you are basically on your own when it comes to pioneering better methods and learning the best tide stages to fish.

For baits, when the water is not at full flood, worms are productive. Fished with a fish finder type of rig, which keeps the bait up off the bottom, away from tommy cod and most of the white perch, the school bass are easy prey. They can be very plentiful at times and a fishing buddy had 26 one trip last fall. Not bad considering not too many people saw 26 stripers all last year.

If artificials are your bag, as they are mine, then bring a bag full of bucktails. Depending on how swift the current is, 1/2 to 1 ounce jigs are needed. The old standby yellow and white are most productive. I have a bunch of old Flash-Buck jigs, which are tied with some mylar strips mixed in with the hair, and these work better than the plain hair. That extra flash in the water adds dramatically to the effectiveness of the lure. I have taken to tying some mylar into regular jigs for that reason, since the Flash-Buck hasn't been made for a few years now. I've also had good success with the Mai-Tai jigs. The extra action imparted by the free swinging hooks seems to help. Put a little mylar on those and watch out.

Plugs are good when the fish are up in the current. Use a variety of smaller popping plugs. The Rebel poppers in silver work well as do Cordells. A friend started using something a little different last fall and he had good results with it. He took some of his largemouth bass lures, the Cordell Spot in particular, to try here. The Spot is a herring shaped, flat-sided plug that sinks. It has a fast, tight wiggle when retrieved, but what is nice is the way it can be fished at any depth. It's almost like a plug-shaped spoon, but it doesn't sink quite as fast. He tells me it took quite a few fish. I'm going to try it myself. Pencil poppers in blue and white were good last year too, but only when the water was moving fast.

Now that the readers of the Fisherman know about this lower Hudson hotspot, I really hope to see a few more people fishing there. The fishing can last right through until December, making it a great season stretcher. Just be careful about your car if you plan on fishing it from the bank.

By the way, if you want bait, you can pick it up at the Outdoorsmen in Fort Lee, which is just a few hundred yards away from the entrance to the Palisades Park. There is a great public launching ramp right under the George Washington Bridge that will accommodate just about any size boat at an tide stage. It's even free late in the season, because there are no park attendants to collect the money. Isn't that too bad. You might want to phone the Palisades Park Police headquartered in Alpine, New Jersey to see if access is available as it gets later into the season. They close the access road on occasion due to falling rocks coming off the Palisades. And if you do decide to go try for some of these bass and you run into someone fishing there and he asks you where you heard about the spot, **you didn't hear it from me!**

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WINTERIZE YOUR OUTBOARD MOTOR

by Pete Barrett

An hours worth of time now, will make your outboard start on the first pull in the spring

Your outboard engine represents a large investment in money and for safety's sake, it can also be your best friend when seas or lakes get rough. An hour of your time now before the bitter cold of winter sets in will help protect your "buddy" over the winter and make it easier to prepare for the spring's first fishing trip.

Servicing small outboards is not very difficult and if you are handy with basic tools, it is very simple. However, we strongly suggest that you check with your marine dealer to be sure of purchasing the right lubricants and preservative oils and to be certain that you are doing everything the right way. Most service managers will cheerfully give you advice on the correct procedures if you aren't sure of how some things work or how they should be done.

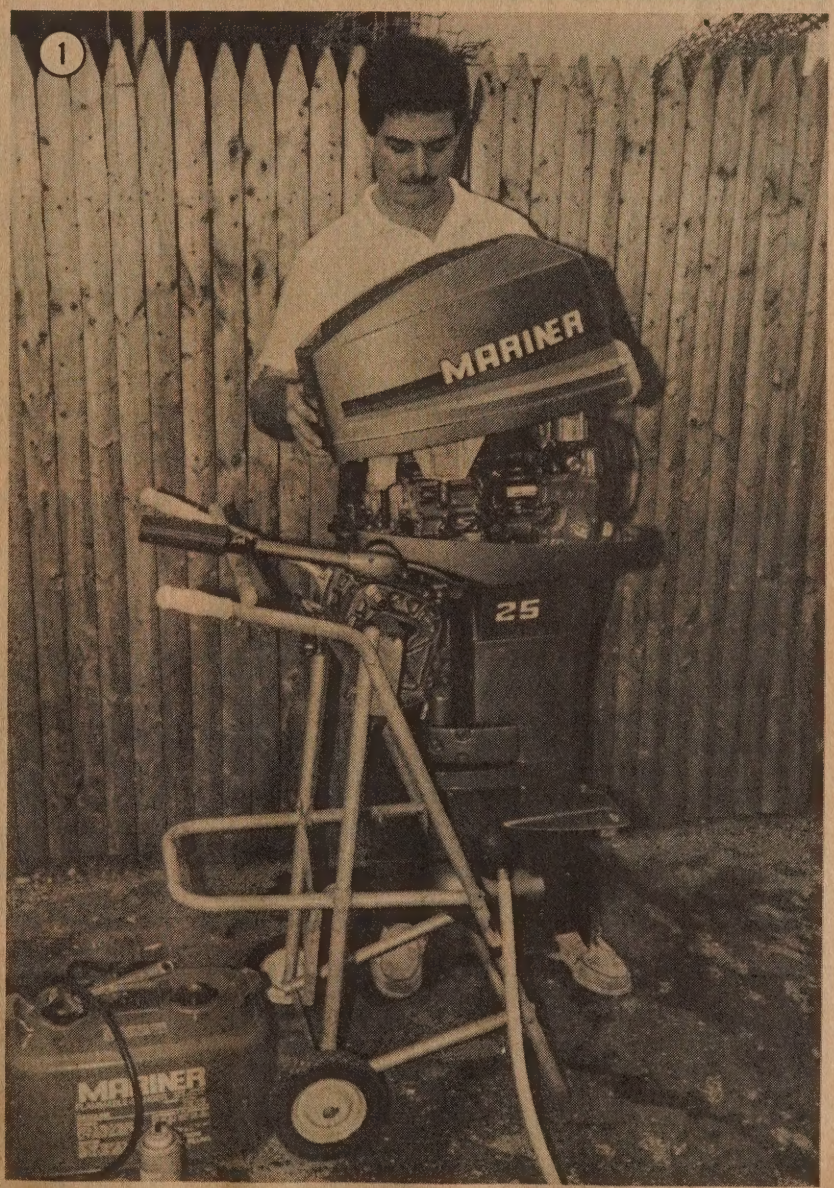
I store my small outboard and winterize it myself each fall, but to be sure it is in tip-top shape in the spring, I bring it to my dealer to have him give the engine a thorough going over: compression test, new water pump and close inspection for things I missed. The winterization procedures outlined here will allow you to store your engine safely and with proper care until the dealer gets it in the spring before you use it.

Randy Wilson of Shore Haven Marina was patient with me as I took photos of the servicing sequence used by most dealers. In the accompanying photos Randy shows the basic procedures to winterize your outboard.

It is helpful to have a sturdy stand made to hold the engine, although you can leave the engine right on the boat if you want to. I like to bring my engine inside and store it in the basement. If you do leave it outdoors all winter, do NOT seal it in a plastic cover. This actually seals in moisture and can harm the engine. A canvas cover is fine or if you do use plastic, make sure there are ventilation slits in several places.

Have the service manual handy so you can refer to it frequently to get the correct information. The manual will also tell you the location of grease fittings, replacement part numbers for fuel filters and specific recommendations for types of lubes to use.

When you drain the lower unit pay special attention to the old oil. Used oil will always have minute chips of metal, but if the chips are large or look excessive, see your dealer for help. Something may be wrong inside the block.



Carefully inspect the fuel lines, fuel line fittings, linkages, electrical wires and rubber parts. Rusty parts should be cleaned or replaced; cracked lines and rubber cushions should also be replaced.

Look for any corrosion that may have formed on electrical connections, on the block or where dissimilar metals meet. Clean these areas and

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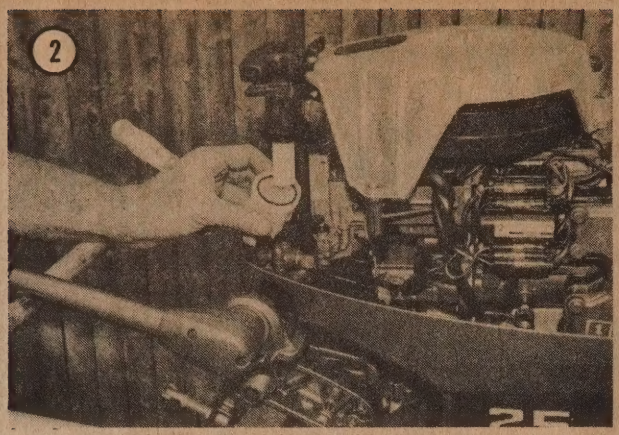
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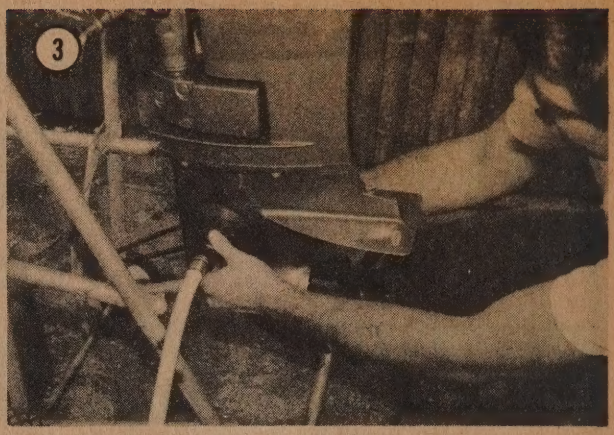
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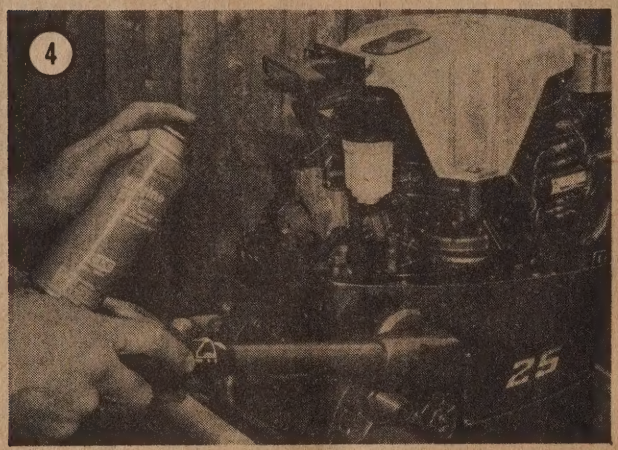
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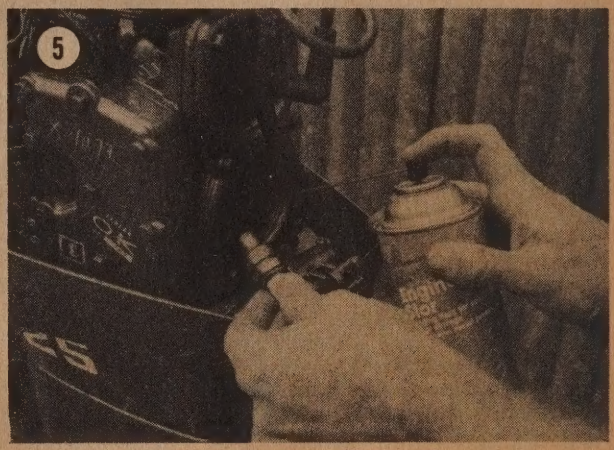
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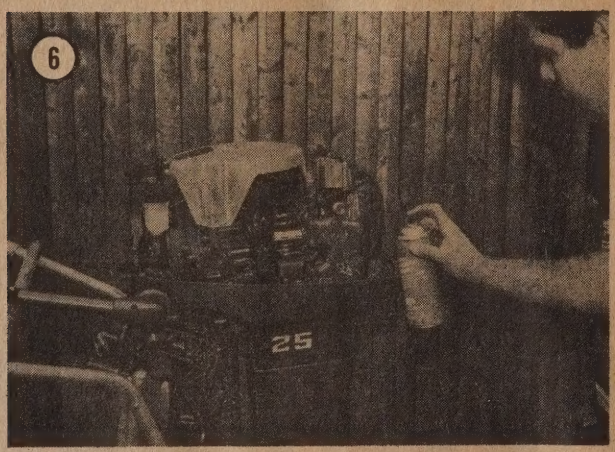
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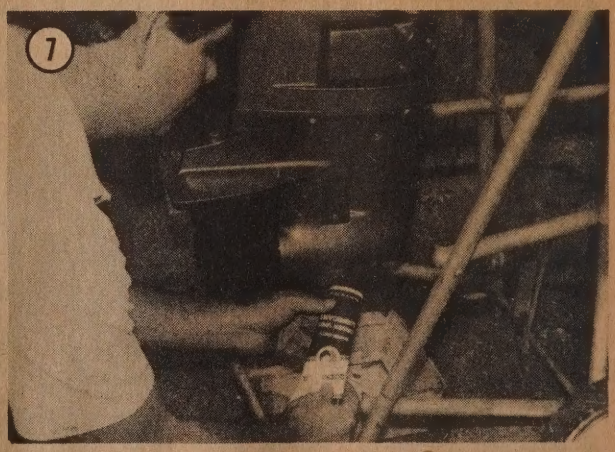
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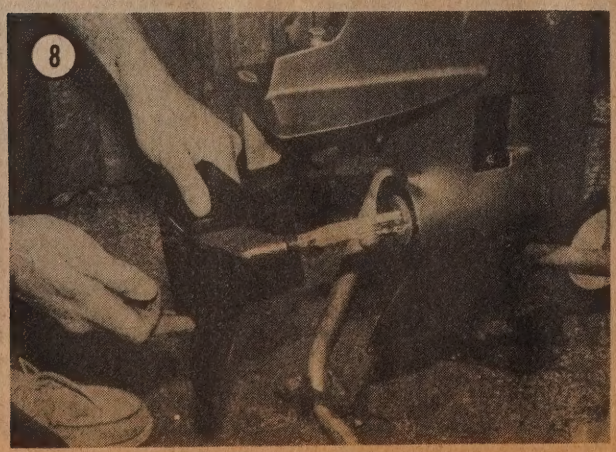
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coat with spray oil or a small thin application of grease.

Now is a good time to check the starter rope to see if it is excessively frayed and to check for loose screws, bolts or nuts.

The fuel tank should be stored either completely empty or completely full. If the tank was half empty on my last trip, I don't want to toss away three or four gallons of fuel so I prefer to top off the tank. Filling the tank prevents any condensation from forming in it; but to avoid any fuel deterioration, add a can of conditioner.

If you run into any problems, see a dealer. They would rather fix your engine in the event something is wrong with it in the winter when there is plenty of time, rather than in the intense rush of midsummer.

One advantage of winterizing the engine yourself is that the cleaning and servicing puts you in closer touch with your engine—and that's good. You should be well familiar with your outboard in case it ever needs attention while you are fishing—the dealer is a long ways away then.

Photo One: Place engine on a sturdy stand, remove the cover. Spray oils, spark plug wrench, lower unit grease, grease gun and service manual should be handy.

Photo Two: Check fuel filter to be sure it is clean and free of dirt or deposits. Replace if filter is dirty.

Photo Three: Connect hose to engine flushing attachment. Start engine and run for several minutes to flush internal cooling passages. Since engine cover is removed be extra careful while your motor is running.

Photo Four: While engine is running, disconnect the fuel line and begin to spray oil into the carburator port. Allow engine to smoke for several seconds, then spray in a heavier dose until engine stalls.

Photo Five: Remove spark plugs, spray a coating of oil into cylinders. Install new plugs as per manual recommendation.

Photo Six: Apply a light coating of spray oil to all surfaces and wiring to neutralize any salt deposits. Wipe engine surfaces clean.

Photo Seven: Lower unit has an upper and lower screw port. Remove TOP screw first, then lower screw. Allow old oil to drain. Insert new tube of lubricant into lower port and squeeze contents into the engine. Depending on the size of your outboard, you may need more then one tube. You'll know unit is filled when grease overflows top port. Quickly install lower port screw, then the top screw.

Photo Eight: Remove prop and regrease the spline of the prop shaft. If prop is badly damaged, see your dealer to have it reconditioned or replaced.

Photo Nine: Grease all fittings as per the service manual. A hand grease gun is necessary to pressure force the grease into the fittings.

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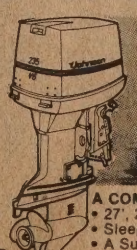

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REFURBISHING PLUGS IN WOOD & PLASTIC

by Andy Regina

Pumping new life into worn and chewed up favorites is time well invested towards next season.

Human nature being what it is, the average person never does anything today that could be put off till tomorrow. Inherently lazy, we allow chores to escalate into major tasks, everyday minor problems to develop into seemingly insurmountable crises. Fishermen are no different than humans. Being almost human ourselves, we allow regular tackle maintenance to slide; hell, when we get home, we're always too tired to do anything but crap out anyway. Let the Old Lady clean the fish if she wants them; leave the rods in the foyer until later, check those hooks tomorrow. We'll get everything done later. Change a word here or there and those statements become all too familiar. We're all guilty; we've all said something like that more than once. After all, we're almost human, right? The point is that even if tackle maintenance is postponed for awhile, it cannot be put off forever. And with the off-season upon us, what better time is there to get this done than now? Besides saving your sanity and some of your money, this chore can be a labor of love that could boost your ego by investing you with a sense of accomplishment, a pride in your ability. My biggest kicks come from making my old, beat-up plugs look like new again.

The task of reconditioning and refurbishing plugs demands a lot of effort and determination, otherwise you can start out a new season with a load of clinkers that will not catch anything but seaweed—if you're lucky! One of our hard-fishing editors (I won't embarrass him by mentioning his name, but his initials are F.G.) puts all his beat-up, broken, chewed-up plugs into a box during fishing season, to get around to them in the winter. So far as I know, two grown men are needed to lift that box at this time. Don't let this happen to you. If you devote part of the winter, every winter, to plug maintenance, it won't get too out of hand at all. First of all, get all your plugs out, inspect them and separate them into various groups. Make one group consist of all plugs that may need only some hooks changed, another group of any plugs needing new swimming plates or diving lips, and a third group from all those plugs that need patching or painting. Attack each group separately. They have been listed in order of time and labor involved for each category.

Changing bent, rusted or broken treble is fairly simple. Rusted hooks have no business being on your plugs in the first place. First of all, they discolor everything they come in contact with and secondly, they lose their sharpness, negating desired quick-hooking qualities. Furthermore, the rust, which is simply the oxidation of the metal, corrodes the metal and eats away the gauge of that metal, creating weak spots that can and will break or crumble under stress. Also, should you ever get stuck with rusty hooks (a fact known to occur from time to time) you run the risk of getting tetanus or blood poisoning. All things considered, rusted hooks just ain't worth the false economy of keeping them, so get rid of them all right off the bat, no ifs, ands, or buts about it!

Most treble hooks are attached to hook hangers with split rings. These are the easiest to remove, simply by slipping them through the split rings. If the trebles are connected directly to the hook hangers, snip 'em off by cutting the hook eye with your fisherman's pliers, or any pair of good side-cutter pliers. Replacing those hooks is easy, provided that you duplicate the old hooks exactly, in style, size, and gauge. The new hooks must be the same weight as those removed earlier, to maintain plug balance. Correct balance is crucial towards making plugs look and swim like real stuff. Plugs not properly balanced will not perform properly and will not be effective fish-catchers, and that's the name of that tune! For plugs featuring direct connections of hooks to hook hangers, open-eyed trebles are available. Just put 'em on the hook hanger and squeeze the eye closed with your pliers.

It seems that most of my damaged plugs are those with busted wobble plates, known also as swimming and/or diving plates. This is only natural for any plug fished in rocky areas, because those plugs hit those rocks head-first most of the time, and those plastic plates ain't too strong. North Shore beach rats are constantly faced with this problem; so are the nuts who venture out on jetties and those hopelessly addicted idiots who climb up on the rocks near Montauk. In the Sound we have a tendency to use those fragile minnow-type plugs more so than on the South Shore or out at the Point, and it is those plugs that most often get the sore lip. If the swimming plate is not molded in, you can slide it off by using a pair of pliers, then replace it with either a cannibalized plate, one purchased from the manufacturer, or something homemade you can fashion from a piece of scrap plastic. The replacement should duplicate the original in shape and thickness, and can be cemented into place with epoxy cement. You should paint over the dried epoxy, however, because some of them have a tendency to melt or become sort when exposed to strong sunlight.

There's not much you can do with molded-in wobble plates except to try cutting off any unbroken sections, smoothing it out with a file, and using that plug without a plate at all. Sometimes, by imparting action with the rod as you retrieve these plugs, they actually are amazingly effective. It is, after all, at least worth a try, or else you can throw the plug in the garbage can and buy a new one. I find that any plugs used in this instance work better if weighted, so if they are not already weighted, do so by injecting some water into the body cavity. Of course, if you're really into it, you could try creating your own wobble plate and cementing it onto the plug. Be advised that this is a lot of work, though, and does not always work out properly.

Plugs with metal swim plates usually do not have those plates broken, but they do get banged-up pretty badly anyhow, and usually need to be reshaped, re-straightened and re-aligned. This work is readily done by using a couple of pair of pliers and a lot of patience. Straightening the thin sheet metal should be done slowly and steadily to avoid any and all unnecessary bending that could weaken it. Great care should be taken to restore the swim plate to its original shape and exact position, if you want that plug to swim properly. Once set, all lateral adjustments should be made by bending the tying

eye slightly to right or left, according to what side is running erratic. Vertical adjustments should also be made by moving the tying eye up or down slightly. Once the swim plate has been adjusted, it is never bent for any corrective swimming adjustments.

Refinishing plugs can give you a smug sense of accomplishment by providing visual proof of your ability. All plugs are easier to handle if all hooks are removed beforehand, and then replaced after all refinishing work has been completed. Wooden plugs require the most work. Fine sandpaper is used to remove the old finish, either entirely or just around the worst spots, if the plug is not too beat up. Once the old finish has been removed, the plug should be coated with a layer of wood sealer, then allowed to dry. Next, a primer is applied—usually white, by the way—and that, too, is allowed to dry completely before the finish coats go on. The best method seems to be using two thin finish coats rather than one thick one; thin down the lacquer with thinner, apply the finish in long, even strokes running the length of the body, and allow the plug to dry before repeating the process. When the lacquer has been completely dried, the finish must be sealed-in with a final coat of clear lacquer, to preserve that finish. When this final stage is completed and the plug is completely and thoroughly dry, hang those hooks back where they belong and put the plug away. It's ready for work now!

Plastic plugs demand that you use only the lacquers that are compatible to the particular plastic of the plug being painted. Usually, the lacquer used for painting model planes or cars will be good for finishing plugs, but a quick check at the hobby shop can settle the issue. Should you use anything not compatible, it could produce a strong chemical reaction between the chemical bases of plug and paint, and create a sorry, soggy mess that could ruin everything it comes in contact with. Should the hobby shop owner be unable to tell if his lacquers are compatible, you can always get that information from the plug manufacturer if you have to.

After lightly sanding the worst areas, a basic prime coat of white should be applied; this should be brushed or sprayed on very thinly and allowed to dry thoroughly before applying a second coat. The trick here is to thin out the lacquer with an appropriate thinner, so that each coat applies thinly and dries quickly. Two coats of thin lacquer will give you a better finish than one coat of thick lacquer, which takes longer to dry and has a tendency to run, creating a sloppy finish. Next comes two coats of finish, in the color of your choice, applied in the same manner as the prime coat, and then at least one final coat after that, of clear lacquer, to seal the color in. It's important to allow each coat to dry thoroughly before applying the next; proper drying time is usually found printed on the paint bottle, but is flexible and contingent upon temperature and humidity. Play it safe and allow ample extra time for each drying period, even if only a few hours more than recommended, and be certain that your work area is well ventilated, to avoid inhaling any possible toxic fumes. Imperfections caused by dripping or running lacquer can be smoothed by using some fine sandpaper, after the paint is thoroughly and completely dry. After sanding, another fine coat of paint should be applied to the area worked on.

When all finishing work is complete, hang those trebles back on and put each plug away until it's time to put them to use again in the spring. Now you can sit back and relax a bit, confident that you have done your best and saved some money, too, by investing some time and effort in refurbishing your plugs.

Wood plugs require special repainting methods; a multi-stage process that requires patience. Photo Wm. Muller.

THAT "FIRST" COD

by Matt Ahern

The author retraces those memorable days as an eager youngster thirsting for his first cod.

Dedicated codfishermen have always been inquisitive. This is especially true of those who first become enamored of the sport. Whenever I discuss codfishing with these particular fellows, one sure-to-be-asked question is: "When, where, and how did you catch your first cod?"

Well...it's a long story and it goes back a long way, but I'll try to keep it short. If it appears the answer is coming from left field, rest assured I'm doing so to lend a bit of encouragement to those who may feel the need.

Let me begin by saying that as a dedicated codfisherman of 56 years standing, I've met my share of highly-skilled cod hunters. Fifty-six years of almost continuous codfishing has not dimmed the light of those early days. Most of these chance meetings, however, could be likened to ships that pass in the night, our personal paths seldom crossing again. But even as a kid I was impressed; brief contact left me one conviction: these fellows were superb fishermen. I admit I unashamedly copied their fishing methods to the letter.

Many of the master fishermen who helped me in the long ago were mates and party boat skippers—even commercial fishermen—but the majority were as you and I, just the ordinary common garden variety of sinker bouncer—with this one exception: they had learned through much effort and experimentation precisely what to do under the most adverse conditions.

Naturally, I learned much from these great fishermen, especially so when pursuing cod and my fish-oriented brain lay fallow. Some cheerfully took me under their wing, unselfishly sharing their hard-gained knowledge. Others, like my life-long fishing buddy Artie Leidecker, were taciturn and grumpy.

But it mattered not. These attitudes bothered me not one bit. I pumped those fishermen dry, either with innumerable questions (and boy, could I ask questions) or by furtive watching whenever I felt I was unobserved. Sneaky? Sure, I guess so. But sinful prides goes before the codfisherman's fall.

But most of the codfishing methods I learned came unbidden from compassionate fellow fishermen. In this respect, should you be a beginner at the codfishing game, you've got it made. Most master fishermen cannot help showing a "pilgrim" the error of his ways, providing, of course, that you as the recipient of this knowledge can take constructive criticism without resentment. This is the key. If you can do this, using their suggested methods will bring you cod. If you can't, well...

Big or small, that first cod is always a memorable one.

I clearly recall my first encounter with one of these fellows. It occurred one November day during the second cod trip of my then short fishing life. I was aboard the old World War I converted sub-chaser Fidus out of Canarsie. This was in the late twenties (phew!) and Steve Wischerth was its skipper. I had failed to get a cod on my initial trip a week before, and at the moment this trip looked as if I was due to repeat that sad performance.

Most of the passengers, including myself, were clustered in the stern trying to snag a cod as the Fidus drifted around the old Ambrose

Lightship. Everyone had several cod—everyone, that is, but me—and I wanted a cod so bad I could taste it.

Sad to say, though, I got the impression many of those hell-for-leather fishermen resented having a kid underfoot. No one offered those kind words so necessary to assure a knee-pants kid that he was accepted. Nor was my presence acknowledged, except for an occasional glance from a jaundiced eye. I was feeling pretty miserable.

And then I felt a hand on my shoulder. "How are you doing, kid?" came a raspy voice from behind.

Startled, I turned and looked up at the giant, red-haired fisherman I'd noticed on my first trip the week before and again on this very morning when I stepped aboard. You can bet I felt it difficult to hold back the tears of a kid's frustration. I blurted out my tale of woe. I didn't know it then, but my cod education had begun.

"Figured that," he said. "Look kid, if you want to, pack your gear and come up to the bow where I'm fishing. We'll see about getting you a cod."

And that's how it started for me. Under this kind expert's guidance I caught two cod (one, the first one, is the 11 pounder I wrote about last week). I was as tickled as any 14-year-old had a right to be.

And that is exactly how I caught my first cod.

But this incident wasn't a one-shot affair by any means. Similar incidents must have happened a score of times in my early years as I blindly stumbled along the path to better fishing. And always at hand to pick me up and point me in the right direction was a nearby compassionate master fisherman. Maybe I was just a lucky kid, but I like to think not.

You may be sure I still think of "Big Red"—truly no man is so tall as when he stoops to help a kid.

Even now as I sit before this typewriter, I can easily recall many of these good-hearted men.

There was the fellow who advised me never jig for cod when bait fishing, and explained why.

There was the fellow who told me the bow was the only place to fish for cod—and proved it.

There was the party boat skipper who told me it was unnecessary to use large baits for cod—and proved it one glorious day by single-handledly catching 105 cod on a one inch piece of conch! I kid you not.

There was the fellow who showed me how he caught cod by using the anchor cable as a form of underwater sonar long before the word was coined.

There was the fellow who proved to me that strong tides not only demanded heavy sinkers, but also leaders to four feet.

I could go on and on. Someday you'll meet the counterparts of these fellows, if you haven't already. And when you do, be grateful and thank your lucky star. Those fellows are worth their weight in gold—and cod.

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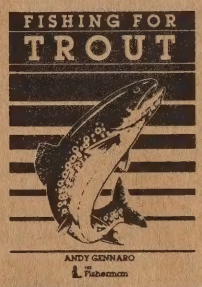

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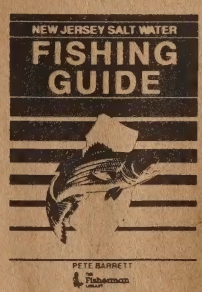

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HIT 'EM WITH A STICK

by Herb Buch

These long lost favorites are once again gaining in popularity with the casting set.

It was before dawn on a cool October morning, and three of us were working a small jetty for stripers. We had run through our assortments of swimming plugs and bucktails without a touch. As the sky began to brighten in the east, I tied on a 3/4 ounce floating plug which I had experimented with, but never taken a fish on. It had no lip or slanted face. The shape resembled a fat cigar. After flipping it in toward shore and beginning to retrieve, there seemed to be a swirl behind it, but in the dim light I could not be sure. The next cast produced a definite swirl, and as I continued the retrieve another swirl surrounded the plug as the line jerked. After setting the hook, I played and landed a ten pound striper.

When a swirl greeted my next cast, I reacted so violently that the plug flew through the air and almost hit the rocks. My line was a mess. By the time I had cleared things up it was getting light and since no one else had gotten any hits, I had calmed down a bit. Soon there was another swirl behind my plug. This time I ignored it and continued to retrieve until I had a solid hit. After four more fish, the action was over.

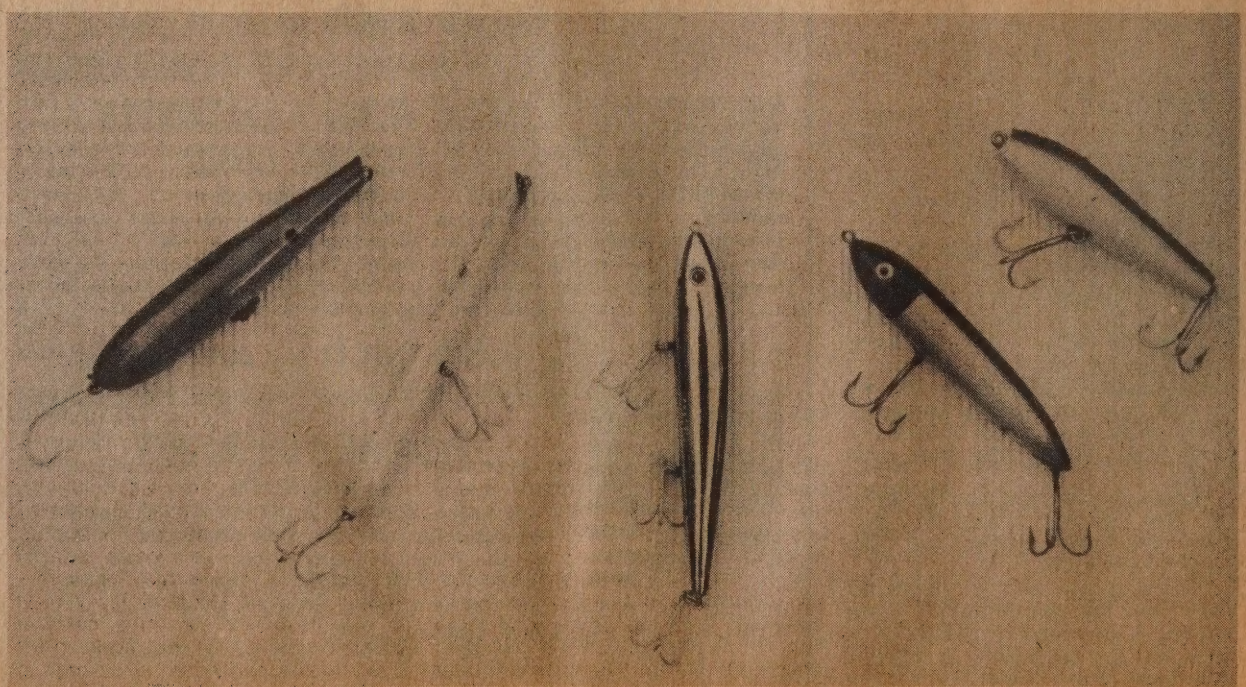
The lure that I was using was one of the early crop of stick baits—a Zara Spook. Of course, it had been preceded by wooden baits of similar shape. The Heddon Company produced this plastic version as the new materials were developed. This happened many years ago, but the same type of lure is still taking fish so well that freshwater fishermen were paying large premiums for old stock until many new versions hit the market during the last few years. At the present time, there is no shortage of the baits, but many saltwater men have either never heard of them, or do not know how to use them.

A stick bait is a piece of plastic or wood that is built so that it has no action of its own. The action is supplied by the angler as he manipulates his rod, reel, or both at the same time. Their special value lies in their ability to interest fish when nothing else does. Both surface and underwater versions are available. The Needlefish plug which Fred Golofaro reported on, is an underwater stick bait. Some of them have spinners at the rear or at both ends. Others have shape variations, but all require a skilled hand at the other end of the rod.

This article is going to concentrate on the surface variety of the stick baits. To the best of my knowledge they were first popular in Florida. Later, Atom brought out their Reverse Atom plug which was the largest of the sticks. Point Jude and Gibbs followed with respectively, the Bass Ackwads and the Pencil Poppers in several sizes. The smaller Florida plugs were also popular with striper hunters all over the northeast. Unfortunately, most of us will not be taking many bass on plugs until the population increases. Nevertheless there is a real need for these lures in order to maximize our chances for whatever stripers do appear in our waters.

In spite of the common impression that blues are easy to take on just about anything, there are many days when no one gets a touch on lures and only a few fish take bait. At such times the water may contain large numbers of bluefish that are in a neutral mood. In other words, they are not particularly hungry, the water is clear and they examine all offerings with a critical eye. An artfully worked surface stick bait is often the only lure that will provide any action.

There are several reasons for this. One is the fact that your line is mostly



Left to right: Bass Ackwards, Pencil Popper, Boy Howdy, Zara Spook and Florida Stick.

off the water and the fish probably do not see it. Secondly, surface activity seems to stimulate the curiosity of the blue. But to me, the most important reason is the erratic action which you can impart to these plugs. Each plug can be handled in several different ways. My favorite retrieve is the one that took the stripers which I wrote about, and many other fish over the years. Freshwater fishermen call it "walking the dog." In this retrieve, the plug darts alternately to the right and then to the left as you reel it in.

It is not really a difficult retrieve. Many local surfmen go through the same motions in retrieving a Hopkins or a bucktail. After casting the plug, you brace the butt of your rod and as you reel you stroke your rod tip up and down about six to ten inches. Use a medium rate of retrieve, and watch your plug. If it is darting left, then right, you are doing things correctly. If not, try reeling a little faster or slower or change your lift and drop rhythm. Your rod is about 45 degrees or more above the horizontal. At the beginning of the operation a higher tip works best, but you may have to lower it as the plug gets closer to you. It is much easier to do than to describe.

The Heddon Zara Spook, Cordell's Boy Howdy and Pencil Popper, and the Gibbs Pencil Poppers are the models which I have found in local tackle shops. I know that Rebel and Bagley also put out similar surface baits, but I have not used them.

Although the pencil poppers and the other sticks are similar in that they call cast well and can be manipulated very enticingly, there is sone difference between them. The Pencil Poppers sink a bit when at rest, the others float. Both types can be useful. In flat water, it is often tantalizing to let the stick sit on top of the water near some rocks and twitch it occasionally. You can even make it duck under the surface and pop up again. Stripers often fall for that routine. But then again, there are times when you can let your pencil popper sink to the bottom, and by bringing it up with little jerks until it breaks the surface, produce some violent strikes. Most of the retrieves that are useful with stick baits require moderate water conditions. Strong side winds or wild water cannot be worked very well. You can however, often do well even during times of high swells, by working the flatter water beyond the breaking surf.

Top water stick baits with spinners can also be made to walk the dog like the others. The spinners, however, interfere with casting distance, and so limit their usefulness. They are great baits on calm water at night. Swim them very slowly and the spinners will make a purring sound as the plug tracks toward the beach or rocks.

There is one modification which I would make on all plugs used for bluefish. That is to remove the treble hook at the tail end of the plug and replace it with a single hook. This

One outstanding feature of most "stick plugs" is their castability.

change requires a lot of thought depending upon the structure of the lure. You want a hook that is about the same weight as the treble which you remove and you want it to ride with the point up or down. The best type of hook to use that can match the weight will usually be a short shanked O'Shaughnessy such as the Mustad 9175 or the Eagle Claw 254. These are both strong hooks. The Eagle Claw is a little longer in the shank than the Mustad, but it is made of lighter wire and has a larger eye. Match the hook to the shape of the plug at the rear. If the plug is thin you can use the shorter shank; if it is fat a longer shank will make hooking up with a fish more likely. There are also open eye salmon hooks available if you like that style. The main considerations are, not to unbalance the plug, and to have enough gap in the hook so that its point can bite into a fish.

You have to be careful in replacing hooks not to damage the screw eye of the plug. My favorite method is to remove the treble by snipping its eye. Then I gently turn the screw eye until it is horizontal. Now, install a small stainless split ring and your choice of hook, point down unless it is to be used in weedy water. The split ring not only allows you to change hooks without disturbing the screw eye, but it offers a flexible connection which is less likely to result in a damaged plug when a fish struggles. I have found that the small stainless split rings hold up better than some hooks and much better than the screw eyes, which damage and break easily. If the plug has through-wire construction you may have to use two rings in order to get the hook to ride properly, and the shorter shank will be best here.

If you know that blues are your most likely target, take off the belly hooks and just fish the single on the tail. That is all you need and you will find it much easier and safer to unhook your catch. Bass, in contrast often hit towards the head of a plug, and when you don't know what is around leave the belly hooks alone.

Stick baits are not the answer to all of your problems. You must carry an assortment of plugs, but under many conditions when other lures are not working you will improve your luck when you hit 'em with a stick.

SALMON RIVER STEELHEAD

by Rich Giessuebel

As fall arrives and the average daily temperatures begin to go down, New York State anglers head for the Great Lakes. The famed Salmon River is the usual destination where they know they will be able to encounter the giant king salmon. All through September and October, they catch kings up to 40 pounds. As late October begins to roll in and the nights are showing signs of winter chills, the first large steelhead trout begin to show. Often, they hang down towards the mouth of the river, but some venture forth and are available to streamside anglers.

These first run steelhead are the most thrilling fish in the entire world to catch. Battled on rather light 8' steelhead tackle, they can generate long arduous runs leaping buzz saw-style high up and out of the river. The word "backing" comes into play here, because even with 15 pound test lines, they can peel off 100 yards of line in the river. So, make certain to have plenty of line on your reel, and a good thing might be to remember to bring a spool of extra line along with you, just so that if you lose some line to a snag and the rest to a steelhead, you won't have to search all over town for more line.

Of course, there are still giant kings in the river during this time. However, for the most part, they have been in the river for some time and aren't the same fighters that they are in September. Also, the water is somewhat colder, and this can take away from their fighting abilities. You can land these big kings on steelhead tackle, but be very careful to do battle out in the middle of the river, because if the king gets into the bank with all of its tangles, you can kiss him goodbye.

Equipment that you will need should begin with your rod and reel. Whereas for kings, we preach four series reels, packed full of 20 pound test lines; for steelhead you should get three series reels packed full of 8 to 10 pound test lines. Most preferred is the 8 pound test. Now, what is meant by a series 3 reel? Well, most companies designate their reels with a number. A series 3 number could be either 3, 30, 300 or 3000. For example, a Ryobi MX-30 is a 3 series reel. Other reels might read for heavy freshwater and light saltwater fishing. These reels are usually geared to pack from 8 to 15 pound test lines. Such reels have drags which are made to stand up to powerful fish and can be used on the Great Lake's monsters. In fact, last year several of my friends landed their biggest kings using just such reels during this late season.

For rods, you have a choice of large 9 to 11 foot noodle sticks, or the readily available 8 foot steelhead rods. The difference is that if you are going to fish very light line, such as 2 to 6 pound test, the noodle stick will be a better choice. This is because the rod is so flexible, it takes the brunt of the beating allowing you to get away with the lighter line. But, with 8 lb. test and up, the standard steelhead rods are all you will need.

The 8 lb. test line you buy, should be quality line. DuPont, Cortland, Ande or Berkley all make quality lines. Also, as the weather gets colder, try to fish the more flexible lines.

For hooks, fish salmon egg hooks size 6 or 8. Best baits are simple. A single egg will score as readily as an egg sac; however, it is much more difficult to cast the single egg. Try Mike's Big Boy eggs. These eggs have a much larger diameter than the regular salmon eggs. They fit well on the larger egg hooks. You can also fish a sack of eggs on a steelhead hook!

Now, listen to this! Almost everyone you read tells you to fish with weight. The reason for this is because the steelhead feed down on the bottom of the river, very much like fishing for early spring trout. But, there are so many river snags that it is next to impossible to fish effectively without connecting with the bottom every other cast. Therefore, try to fish without any weight! Here's how to accomplish this. Attach a split shot weight directly to the shank of the hook. Put the salmon egg, cluster, or the sack over the hook and the weight. Now, you do not have any free swinging weights which can get caught on the bottom. Also, you know that when your egg stops drifting through the section of river you are fishing, it is either a boulder stopping the egg, or a steelhead. Far less tangles are encountered fishing this way.

There are a few problems created though. If the section of river holding the steelhead is on the other side of the river, and you must make very long and accurate casts, you may have to fish standard style and with more weight. Also, if the river is so swift that your egg and split shot combination can't be felt bumping the bottom from time to time, you may have to fish standard. However, if the flow is slow enough, and the cast is short enough, you don't have to risk tangles fishing a standard steelhead rig. Try fishing the hook with the split shot attached directly to it. It works!

Don't forget your Polaroid glasses. Last year, while fishing the little "Black Hole," we could see big fish investigating our baits meant for king salmon. Since it was late October and even though we had not heard of any steelies in the river, we went back to the car and got out our steelhead outfits. Using 6 pound test line, we caught over six steelhead weighing up to 17 pounds. Since we had already caught two kings apiece, we could only keep one more fish apiece. The two steelhead we kept weighed 16 and 17 pounds. We also released several equally as large. Now, if it was not for the Polaroid glasses, we would not have known that there were fish investigating our baits on the 20 pound test outfits and we would probably not have caught any steelhead that day.

Why should you try for these early steelhead? Well, if you are fortunate enough to catch one of these early runners, you will understand that they fight better than any fish you have ever caught. They are 80 percent stronger than the winter run steelhead. This is because the water is warmer, and their metabolism can strictly feed their fighting energies. Once hooked, look out! On occasions, the fish gets so far away from you, that is around a bend and you think it's all over. But, for some unknown reason, after first running downstream, the steelhead turns and heads directly into the current. Back he comes, right past you. Now, if you can keep him in sight, he will be yours.

Fights with these strong fall fish can last over 20 minutes. Other nearby anglers must give way and allow you all the stream you require to fight the fish. If they do not, you will most certainly tangle their lines and your prize will be off.

Since you must walk in order to keep up with the fish, you should be wearing something on the bottom of your waders. Felt, and "Korkers" are advisable, but we use Walt's Walkers which seem to stay on your feet better and which easily accomplish the job. If you cannot get hold of these walkers, Walt can be reached at P.O. Box 32, Manahawkin, NJ 08050. Walt invites dealer inquiries. The walkers are actually a pair of rubbers with golf cleats through them. Order your size and the rubbers will fit right over your boot. Also, Walt guarantees the rubbers for "life."

Where do these early steelhead reside in the river? Just like their

winter followers, these big first run steelies seek out the swiftest currents and lies. Look for them right alongside flat long pieces of bottom rock. Look for them to be opening and closing their white mouths. This is a sure giveaway of their presence. As your bait passes such locations, watch for anything moving quickly out to investigate the bait. Should your line stop for any reason, consider the stoppage a strike and react by coming up with your rod tip to either pull the hooks into the fish or to allow the eggs to pull free of the snag and continue their drift.

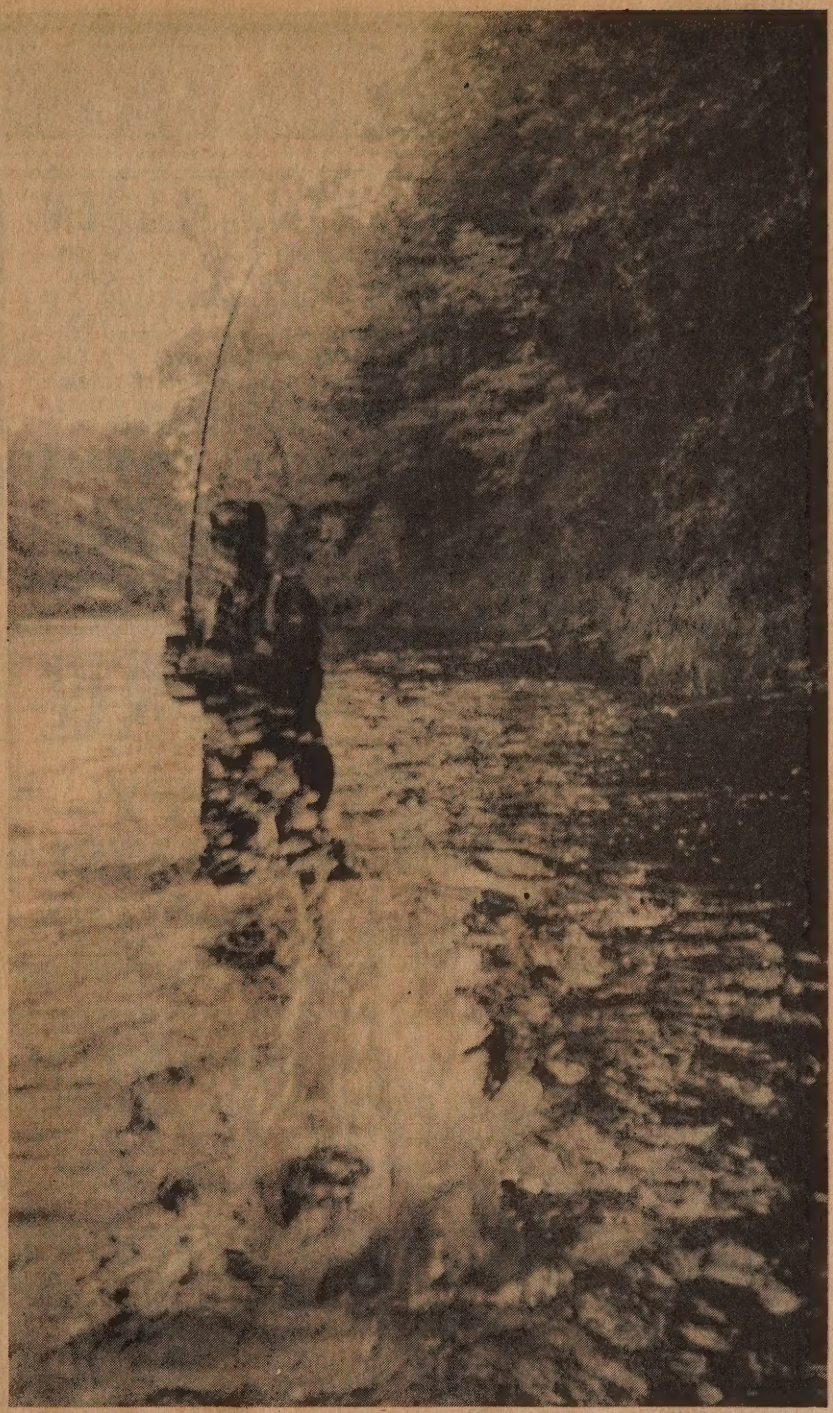
If it is a fish, expect him to swim downstream at first and turn to come back upstream. You can expect him to clear the water several times, and you can expect him to fight as hard as you can imagine. If you are used to winter steelheading, you will know that you do not often have to chase fish. You can whip them from a single spot, however, when the water's warm, this is not the case.

Another way to catch early steelhead is with lures. Hot Shots work well, as well as Mepp's spinners. With the Hot Shots, you stand at the head of the pool and allow the lure to float into position. Once above where you think there might be a fish or two lying, engage your reel, and pull the lure into action. It will begin wiggling and settle down into the current. Its motion aggravates the steelhead who really slug the lure when they want it. Once the first fish strikes a lure fished like this, you'll be back for more!

Another approach is to cast Mepp's spinners upstream. Allow them to settle deeply into the run. As they are about to swing around with the current, you should begin bringing the lure back to you. The key is to allow it to get deep. The best Mepp's lures for this type of fishing are the size 3 and 4 Aglias and Long Aglias. The one-third ounce lure with the Redbo Scale or Fluorescent finish seem to be very effective. They can be fished with a bucktail hook or plain. We have had most of our success using the plain treble hooks.

While casting the Mepp's Spinners upstream, remember, you want to get the lure down deep. Therefore, you have to play the speed of the current at the position you are fishing. If it is very strong, cast more upstream than across stream. If the current isn't as strong, you can cast well up and across the stream. Success on the salmon river is much head play. You have to be thinking all the time.

Some good locations to try for early steelies are at Stair Case Pool just west of Long Bridge in the City of Pulaski. From this point, you can walk west in the river to the Black Hole, the Little Black Hole, and several unnamed locations heading towards the Clay Pool. Right after the Clay Pool you come to the mouth of the river at Port Ontario. This area holds early steelheads better than anywhere else. The river is about 6 to 8 feet deep at low water and there's a strong current. At high water, this area is unfishable from streamside.



Steelhead fight like crazy to escape. The only thing better than a December steelhead is an October steelhead while the water is warmer.

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Well, much luck is involved here. The fish must arrive while you are on the stream, or you must have a trip scheduled during this period when the fish move in. But, if everything clicks, you will be in for the greatest fishing experience anyone could ever imagine.

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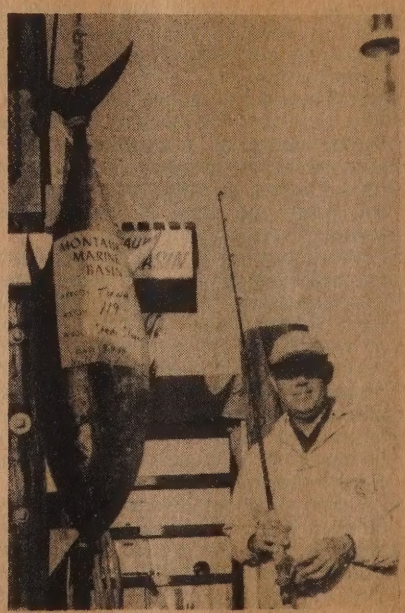
with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

The fishing picture remains the same. Blues won't quit, all you want from Montauk to Shinnecock. Blackfishing will probably continue well into December. Large fish to 13½ lbs. reported this week at Mad Dog Reef, however, all traditional blackfish spots at Montauk, eastern Sound, Peconics, and Shinnecock wrecks are producing well. Large flounders have come into the picture with one of 3½ lbs. caught in Noyac Bay. Colder water temperatures needed to get them feeding well. Large hake and pollock with medium cod on offshore wrecks. Dogfish inhibiting local cod fish action, sure to change with cooler water. Bass fishing is excellent with fish to 64 lbs. reported this week. Measure for shorts!

MONTAUK

Captain Richie Rade reports good bluefishing on the **Marlin IV**'s Saturday night trip when 12 anglers boated 130 blues, all in the 10-18 lb. range. The daily porgy trips to Block Island continues to satisfy anglers,



This 20 lb. class world record bluefin tuna is the 33rd posted by Stephen Sloan. The 119 pounder was landed at Montauk aboard the "Rybo-Runner" back on September 9th. Photo courtesy of Montauk Marine Basin.

MONTAUK POINT

Carol Jaspers of the Lady Reelers Fishing Club with a big striper live-lined at Montauk on October 11th. The 46½ lb. cow was decked aboard Captain Bob Rocchetta's charter boat, "Rainbow II."

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with porgy catches some days of 20 a man, next day 40 per angler. Blackfish to 8 lbs., cod and pollock complete a mixed bag on these trips.

The **Viking Starship** has been exploring new wrecks and finding some nice fish. On Wednesday cod of 41 and 44 lbs. were boated. Over the weekend, large hake and pollock dominated the catch, with most cod in the 10-12 lb. range. John Doll of Brooklyn caught a 33 lb. pollock, while Paul Davis of Islip, boated a 40 lb. hake. On Sunday, John Pierway of Brooklyn set his hook into a 42 lb. hake. Captain Forsberg will continue fishing for cod on Wednesday, Saturdays, and Sundays throughout the winter with guarranteed sailing at 5 am, weather permitting. It is suggested that a call the night before if winds are up be made to check ocean conditions.

Nancy Braddock at **Captain's Cove Marina** reports stripers taken on all charter boats this past week, with some fish to 35 lbs. in weight. Bluefish are still holding strong. Most private boats have been blackfishing, with good results.

Nick at **Gone Fishing Marina** told me of a catch of five stripers top weight 30 lbs, made by Captain Bob Rochetta on the **Rainbow II** on Saturday night. Capt. Jerry McGrath made another successful trip for blackfish on the **Nostalgia II** to Mad Dog Reef. Billy Loeber and Steve Hines caught 70 blacks on Saturday with twenty of the fish weighing between 8 and 12 lbs. Green crabs were the bait.

At **Montauk Marine Basin**, a 64 lb. striper, caught by Steve Hagony fishing on the Bonita Boat on Thursday night was weighed. Olaf Sharin of New Jersey, jigged 12 bass, largest 24 lbs. on the charter boat **Montauk** on Thursday. Carl Darenberg spoke of very good blackfishing, with large fish, on the Southwest Ledge. Smaller blackfish at Shagwong. The bluefish have "almost" become a problem, they are stacked up so thick, it's hard to get through to the bass. Because of warm water temperatures, very good fishing is expected to last through Christmas.

Rental boats will be available through the end of the month at **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** for the continued fantastic bluefishing, bass, flounder, and blackfishing. Should the weather continue mild, boats will be available all winter.

Dr. Jeff Scherer enjoyed a "casting party" on the **Vivienne** with Capt. John DeMaio Thursday evening. Half a dozen bass were caught casting bucktails and other lures, top weights 36 and 50 lbs.

John Moore and his friends caught 67 bluefish, ranging in weight from 3-15 lbs., along with 7 blacks to 6 lbs., and 22 flounder to 3¼ lbs. on the **Julie III** on Saturday. The group fished at the Point and Inner Shagwong. On Sunday, Capt. Ron Grandinetti fished on Pocketbook Ledge where Jim McDonald (usually on the **Betty W** from Sheepshead Bay) and his friends caught 73 blackfish from 3-7¾ lbs.

The **Joy Sea** will be fishing for cod and blackfish until Christmas. Check the ad for details. On Saturday, Bob Tabano and his friends from the Bronx fished on the **Joy Sea** at the southwest ledge where the group caught 25 cod to 15 lbs. with 40 blacks to 12 lbs. along with numerous blues and a couple of bass.

Capt. Phil Lewis reports that bass fishing has picked up considerably since the full moon. Because of the continued good weather and excellent fishing, the **Adios** will be available for

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R.J. Reynold of Jericho trolled a 38 lb. bass on the **Sheri Berri** with Captain Al Ristori on Friday night. Saturday's big bass weighed 45½ lbs. Sunday's trip, all daytime action with Mike Nigro and his friend Roger of Freeport, provided a good pick of schoolies all day, with eight keepers to 15 lbs. caught most trolling plugs. Jigging took a few bass, but mostly blues to 12 lbs. Sunday night three bass fell to Go-Go plugs on the charter boat **Sheri Berri**. The weights were: 36, 43½ and 58 lbs.

Captain Bill Ricca, **Alyssa Ann**, fished closed to Fishers Island with Ron and George Contino and their sons, Commack, once again putting a dent in the blackfish population on Saturday. Ten-year-old George Contino's first blackfish weighed a whopping 13½ lbs. Of the 51 blackfish kept (all over 4 lbs.) 11 were over 10 lbs. and four weighed more than 12 lbs. Green crabs were the bait. On Sunday, Larry Murphy and his family needed to fill their freezer with bluefish; this was accomplished by 7:30AM. A run to Mad Dog Reef and Little Gull Islands for blackfish rounded off the day.

The actual total catch on the **Bluefin IV's** bass trip with Mr. Skoniecyn and his friends was 33 keepers, with over 40 shorts released last Monday. On Friday, the annual bass trip of the Stony Brook Yacht Club resulted in 18 bass, with top weights of 40 and 41 lbs. reported. On Sunday, William Klatt and his friends from Jamesport trolled and jigged 31 bass from 8 to 20 lbs., with only a few shorts returned to the water. An afternoon stop at Southwest Ledge for blackfish found blacks to 10 lbs. before the winds kicked up. Captain Mike Potts has a few openings on the **Bluefin IV** for bass. The boat will be fishing through Thanksgiving.

Dave Romeo will demonstrate his 10 best producing bass lures (largemouth) on **Fishing Forecast** this Friday night. Dave caught 3,001 largemouth bass in 77 fishing days, setting IGFA, Guinness and NY State Records. The program will be aired, lived, at 6PM Brookhaven Cable TV, Channel 6. Free bass lures will be mailed to call-ins. Watch the show for details.

SOUTH FORK

With southerly winds keeping water temperatures up, blackfish are not feeding properly. Some days, a bait won't stay untouched more than a minute, the next day, same spot, the fish won't open their mouths. Fares on the **Wilhelric** had a fantastic day on Sunday when Captain Lach made a couple of drops at Big Gull and Plum Island. Everyone had between 10-15 fish each. Peter Kilanowski of Farmingdale caught 18 fish, biggest 10 lbs. The day before, on the same exact spots, the fish did not cooperate as well. Blackfishermen will remember the outstanding season of 1982. It appears that we are building up to the same kind of blackfish season, which should last well into December 3rd.

A 3½ lb. flounder was among 20 caught at the fish nets at Jessups Neck (Noyac) on Saturday. The anglers, Mike Stromberg, Bill Fales, and Frank Gaidiosi fished on Mike's boat the Wharf Rat, berthed in **Noyac Marina**. The group used blood worms and chummed heavily with clam.

Thom Speckenback spoke of lots of blues off Shinnecock, along with small bass, 13-15 lbs., taken over the weekend and weighed at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton**. Some good size flounders were caught in the Basket, but numbers are not there yet, probably because of warm water. Some good catches of flounder were made near the fish traps at Jessups, some to 50 or so fish. Blackfish and flounder are in the Canal.

Captain Ken Malone found very large sea bass, to 5½ lbs, on a new wreck on an exploratory trip on the **Jenny Rose** during the week. A few cod were caught as well, fishing through the dogfish. A good codfish season is ahead, when the dogfish leave. The **Jenny Rose** fished the Peconics over the weekend, due to windy conditions, and found larger blackfish than the week before. On Saturday, the pool was won by Bob Knatz of Hampton Bays with a 4½ lb. blackfish. High hook, two 5 gallon buckets of fish, was caught by Sang Yang Pi of Hampton Bays. On Sunday, larger fish were found, the pool, a 7½ lb. black, caught by Vinnie

Croce of East Islip. Flounders are starting to show as well.

Fred, spokesman from **Altenkirch & Son** in **Hampton Bays** spoke of plenty of blues around, with no signs of slowing down inside and outside Shinnecock Inlet. Blackfish and flounder have found a home in the Canal. Flounder in the Basket are picking up, with more taken this week than last.

Larry Mangarillo said to try the East Channel as well as the Basket for flounder. Catches of 1-1½ lb. flatties have been reported. Plenty of blues, from coctail size to gorillas are just outside the inlet and were caught and brought into **Corr's Fishing Station**.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

A couple of days of east wind during the week and Sunday's wet southwest blow cut down on fishing effort this week but plenty of good action remains available despite the calendar. Large schools of blues have been moving along the beaches and are camped right outside the inlets. Some big bass as well as big weakfish being taken on live bait in the inlets and flounder and blackfish keeping sinker bouncers happy inside the bays. For crabbers, blue claws remain as abundant as they have been all season long with plenty of big ones being taken in both bays.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** said that flounder fishing improved considerably and some very good catches made when the weather cooperated. Most fish ranged between 1 and 2 pounds and are being taken between Haven's Point and Buoy 42. On Saturday, George and Peter Papadados and George Michael put away 70 nice flatties to 2½ pounds at Buoy 42. Heavy mussel chum was the key here. Lots of crabs around for the catching as demonstrated by Joe and Lenny Entler of Flushing on Sunday. Despite all the rain, the pair used bunker bait at Buoy 27 to load over a bushel of big blue claws. Gary reminded that the station will remain open until December 2nd.

A number of big stripers came out of Moriches Inlet this past week. On Election Day, Paul Trovitz and Frank Kaily aboard the 'Mad Russian' livelined bass of 35 and 39 pounds. Same day, Paul Markland nailed a 49½ pound cow along with several smaller fish. Glen Krug clicked with a 41½ pounder on Friday morning. Bass were taken on umbrella rigs and single tubes as well as live bait during the course of the week. Weakfish in the 10 pound class were mixed with the stripers in and around the inlet.

From **Hi Way Fishing Station** came a report of some good flounder action in the hole at Buoy 43. Stanley Immerman boated 3 dozen (all over 1 pound) here on Election Day. As noted earlier, lots of large blue claw crabs available at Buoy 27.

Joe Sander and Matt and John Viol with a nice catch of Moriches Bay flatties to 2½ lbs. taken during a trip out of Silly Lily Fishing Station in East Moriches.

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GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** Paul Graniello spoke of a few flounder and eels being taken from local docks. Flounder fishing showed some signs of coming to life east and west of the Smith Point Bridge and also south of Patchogue. Paul too noted an increase in bass action around the moon in Moriches Inlet. On Thursday, John Frame racked up cows of 40 and 42 pounds while livelining in the inlet. He added 5 weaks to the box as well.

The word from **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** was of some good flounder action in the State Channel between the Lindenhurst and Amityville Cuts. Also some decent scores reported from buoy 2, Dickerson Channel and the north end of Snake Hill Channel. Al Colban, who filed the report, added that a few big bass were taken again this week on live eels near the WR Buoy and at the Inlet. For freshwater fans, the Connetquot River has been producing some nice sea run trout up to 4½ pounds. Also, there are white perch to 2 pounds in the River.

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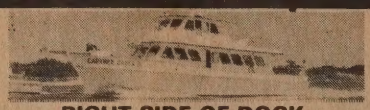

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Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Joseph II** said that ocean blackfishing has been holding up well with the exception of Friday. On Thursday, good catches of blacks and sea bass were the rule and fares were also treated to an hour and a half of wild bluefish action on Diamond jigs. On Saturday, a wreck in 80' of water produced lots of sea bass to 4½ pounds. Plenty of blues from 5 to 17 pounds were camped on the wreck as well and fares jigged them for a change of pace from the sinker bouncing. A pair of cod, 12 and 15 pounds were also included in the days catch. Speaking of cod, Charlie reminded that he will begin sailing for cod 6AM daily beginning Wednesday,November 21st.

Capt. George Tweedy of the open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** feels that the time is right to begin the cod hunt. He is now sailing 5AM daily for the winter kings.

Capt. Rod Westerlind of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Rod** said that flounder action south of Patchogue has been very good since Thursday. A lot of small fish in the catches but good numbers of flatties in the 1-2 pound range being taken as well. Rod expects to be flounder fishing right up until Christmas.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree** open boat **Captree Queen II** will also be making the switch to cod beginning Saturday, November 17th. Sailing time will be 5AM daily. He noted that a few cod were caught by fares this week while blackfishing.

Over at **Captree Bait Station** Noel Kappauf said that while flounder fishing has been generally fair it has shown improvement in recent days with a good showing of bigger fish. Of the blackfishing, there are still some fish in the bay but the fishing is better near the inlet at the Oak Beach Barge and better yet on the ocean reef. Big blues are still plentiful but few have been caught to match the slammer taken aboard the **Speedy VI** on Tuesday. Libardo Cortess decked a chopper of 24 pounds even. Noel noted too that he has been weighing some big bass in the 40-50 pound range for boatmen who have been working the inlet with live eels.

From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Fred Austin labelled the flounder and blackfish action as fair. He spoke of lots of blues still around and noted that a couple of boats made a stab at cod this week but were bombed by dogfish. Fred weighed blacks of 5.8 and 6.3 pounds for John Haber on Saturday. They were taken at Kismet. Keith Neuscheler

checked in a 1.14 pound flounder and Judy Galletta used a live eel to take a 31 pound striper at the inlet on Saturday. Bluefishing from the Inlet to the Whistle Buoy has been consistently good for trollers and jiggers with fish this week ranging between 5 and 6 & 12 and 15 pounds. Crabbing remains phenomenal with Gaspar Garraputo loading up with 2 bushels of blue claws up to 22 inches long at Buoy 4, Snake Hill Channel on Friday. He used traps to take the crabs.

Scott Smyth reporting from **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** noted improvement in the flounder fishing at Bergen Point, south of Good Sam and in the State Channel between the Babylon and Amityville Cuts. Bloodworms and lots of chum have been the key to some of the better catches. Blackfishing was good on the east end of the Kismet Reef this week with one customer weighing a 6.9 pounder on Thursday. It was the largest of 23 blacks taken on the Reef. Lots of big blues at Cholera and on the offshore wrecks. They are being taken on both jigs and bait.

From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera spoke of plenty of big blues outside of Fire Island Inlet for trollers and jiggers. There was some good flounder action at the Babylon Cut on Saturday and some good blackfishing on the Kismet Reef the same day. The boats Bali and Tomejo both had good catches of tautog keeping only those fish in the 3-7 pound class.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Even though the giant bluefish are still infesting our waters, most of the offshore boats now have switched to cod. During this past week very decent catches have been made on local and distant offshore wrecks with fish into the 40s. Flounder and blackfish continue from picky to very good on the inside.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

From **Wanser's Tackle** in Seaford, Lon advises that though on the small side, the flounder catches are still fair to good with best areas being Four Corners, Massapeuqa Cove, Wansers Cut, Haunts Creek and the 3rd Wantagh bridge area. Worms and clam working best, with heavy chumming. Some bass have taken this past week in the state channel and

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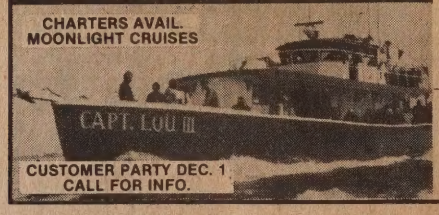

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around the 3rd Wantagh on live bunker. Blackfishing at the bridge remains good on fiddlers and greens.

Pop's Fishing Station told us that all of their boats will be out of the water by November 13, which will have passed by the time you read this report, but John the owner wishes all happy holidays, thanks you for your business and hopes to see you in '85.

Out of Freeport we note that the **Capt. Al** has started codfishing. See ad for details. Al said he was catching some cod each day while hitting the bottom for sea bass and blackfish. Thursday's cod catch was over 20 and over 30 on Friday and this was while he was still sea bass and blackfishing with small hooks, with a lot of cod lost. Fares have been catching plenty of sea bass, porgies and blacks this past week.

The word from the **Miss Freeport II** is of good flounder catches this week, fish running 3/4 to 1¼ lbs. Action has all been local and numbers have been decent as well, to the tune of 20 to 25 a man. The boat will start codfishing November 23 at 6AM.

We hear from the **Capt. Lou Fleet** about decent floundering this past week aboard the half-day boat, Thursday saw a 3 lb. pool winner for Nancy Locke of North Bellmore. On Friday Dennis Conolly of Bethpage had 35 flatties while Saturday saw Jim Crawford with 29. On Sunday Harry and Helen McNulty packed away 65 flatties between them. On the full day boat, Friday's high hook was 34 flounder for Ossining angler John Savko.

The **Super Spray II** while decking plenty of sea bass during the week also on Friday, Saturday, Sunday had over 50 cod in addition on each trip into the 40s. The vessel is switching over to cod Saturday. See ad for details.

A call from the **Star Stream II** advised that they are switching to cod due to the fact that the by-catches of cod have been strong while the boat was sea bassing. See ad for sailing schedule.

Over in Pt. Lookout we hear from the **Miss Point Lookout** of floundering that was called good to excellent this week by Capt. Ron. Wednesday's AM trip had Joe Sipos with 54 flatties. On a PM trip Tony Villani had a 2 lb. pool fish. Thursday PM saw Earl French with 20 plus a 1¾ lb. pool winner. Saturday's AM trip had Andy Nelson of College Point with 26 flounder including a 2 lb. pool winner. Jim Weisner of Nutly, New Jersey was high hook on the AM trip with 35 flatties, while on the PM trip, Dave Dorman bagged a 2 lb. pool fish. Sunday's AM trip had Art Huntsein with a 1¾ lb. pool winner while in the PM in the storm Matt and Earl French socked it to 35 more flatties. Fish are all over the place and spread out said Ron. Don't forget—next Saturday is Derek Hawkins Day aboard the Miss Point Lookout. See the Pass It On column in this issue for details.

Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** told of an influx of cocktail blues close to the beaches both east and west of Jones Inlet right through Friday. Fair catches of flounder in Reynolds from buoy 14 to 17. Weighed in at the

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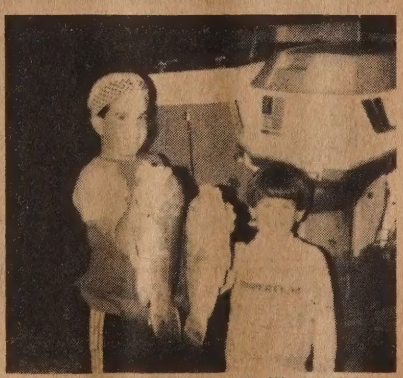
station was a 3¾ lb. flounder caught by Harry Miller. Tom Nalley of Manhattan was proud of his 14 blues from 15 to 17 lbs. Blackfishing continues to be strong at the Meadowbrook Bridge.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Captain Ronnie Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** out of Atlantic Beach called to say the bass fishing has stayed good to excellent right through Sunday. His keeper ratio has been 70 percent this week with stripers up to 7 lbs. To this add large bonito and slammer bluefish. Some large bass into the 30s on live bait at daybreak, a few every day. Ronnie has been fishing Breezy Point/Tin Can area. The Jersey shore has not been too productive this past week. Umbrellas have been best with bright red the hottest color.



Ten-year-old Sean Collins with a 5½ lb. black and four-year-old J.P. Daniels with a 4½ pounder, his first ever. Both were taken on green crabs off of Old Field Pt. aboard the Daniels family boat, Tara Too.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay, Captain Al Coley of the **Betty W. III** said his fares have been catching all the bluefish you could possibly want and all the biggest kind. Starting Friday, Nov. 23rd, the boat will begin its codfishing program for the winter. See ad for details.

The Wee Willie report from **Mike's Bait and Tackle** told of the biggest kind of blues being caught until anglers' arms fell of, very good blackfish catches on green crabs at wrecks, and deep water reefs. Fourteen year old Joe Solomon fishing on the Helen H socked it to a 19 lb. 8 oz. blue on a chunk at 17 Fathoms. Floundering remains good in the bay, as evidenced by catches aboard the open boat **Pastime II.**

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

Except for Sunday's blow and washout and except for the inconvenience of coping with full moon tides in deep waters, this was another banner week for tautog. Some flounder in the reports continue to take a back seat to the blackfishing, perhaps the best in decades. To quote the **Peconic Star's** Dave Brennan, "Anyone who doesn't fish blackfish this season is a ---- fool!"

WESTERN SOUND

John's Gun in Ne Rochelle told us that some bass were being taken on white tubes on umbrella rigs but that hi-los with sandworms were still a very good bet. Resident blackfish have moved somewhat deeper now.

John Di Cuffa at **Jack's Bait on** City Island reminded us that there were nice flounder in the Orchard Beach Lagoon and off Harts Island as well. Tautog in the 4-6 lb. range are now in 40 to 60 foot depths.

Twelve-year-old John Iadanza of Ronkonkoma decked this impressive 9.2 lb. doormat aboard the "Baby Jay" in Jamaica Bay. Subscriber photo.

Don Meyers holds his first legal size striper. The 21 lber. was taken on a Bomber/Red Gill combo from a local Rocky Pt. beach. The fish was weighed at Rocky Point Fishing Stop.

Phil Nasi at **Glen Cove Sport Shop** described some very good flounder fishing for fish in the pound and up range off Crescent Beach with a big catch by Artie Miller. There were still some harbor bluefish and lots of short bass around.

West End party craft were enjoying sensational blackfishing, too. Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** said simply, "It's the best in a long, long time. If it lasts, I'd fish forever." Cerbone's last sailing will be on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Cerbone said that there were big fish all over and, even on a horrible Sunday, 28 fares were catching up to 7 to 10 tautog averaging 5 pounds, per fare. He was in 50 feet of water with 8 to 10 ounces of lead called for. Pool winners rund around 10 lbs. with one 14 lber. taken near Buoy 24c on Friday.

Joe Ferrara was working in 38 feet of wate roff Norwalk on Sunday and managed 5 to 8 fish per fare under adverse conditions. Average tautog ran 4 to 5 lbs. with a 9 lb. pool. Double anchors and 8 oz. of lead were called for. The last sailing of the **Sea King** will be on November 18. The **North Star** has been working the Connecticut side of the Sound as well, specializing in large tautog on the wrecks with 10 to 12 ounces of lead to handle the moon tides.

Pete Pearson of the **Klondike VIII** from New Rochelle was working off 11B and Norwalk and had his best days on Thursday and Friday, with Saturday described as "decent." WIth a lot of tautog in the 4 to 8 lb. class, Pearson expects to keep going through the weekend after Thanksgiving.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Billy Collins of the **Ever Ready** from Huntington called to say that blackfishing off Buoy 11B and 24C was still "pretty good" and should remain so well into December. Catches of 10 tautog per rod averaging 4 to 6 lbs.

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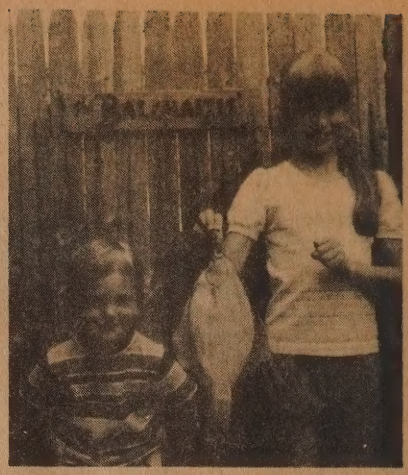

Luke and Jessie Balchaitis caught this 1½ lb. flounder near Short Beach during a recent family outing. The youngsters seem mighty pleased too! Subscriber photo.

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was the norm with the best fishing on slack water with sinker weights to 8 oz. This weekend's best action was in 35 to 50 ft. depths and pool fish ran 9 lbs. Collins also informed ud that the majority of bass, some 95 percent were throwbacks and that he saw only one keeper on 13 boats fishing Eatons. However, some sharpies working at night with 4-arm umbrellas did show up with a pair of bass between 11 and 12 pounds. Worm drifters have their innings as well, but the fish have not responded to diamond jigs yet.

Dr. John Hoina and his son John, Jr. with a couple of the many blues they caught in the Race this past summer. The father and son team added 18 fluke to the cooler as well. They were taken near the Ruins. Subscriber photo.

Bob Cedar at **Huntington Prop** reported a pair of 10½ lb. tautog from 11B, wrestled onto the scales by Carl Russo and Paul Ladden. There were reports of 4 to 5 lb. bluefish scattered around the OB for jigging fanatics and Joe DiMaggio had a 15 lb. linesider under the light. Worm trolling was still producing and Crescent Beach and Huntington Bay had some very good flounder. Despite the predominance of short bass on worms and umbrellas, Bob Beck had an 11-9 and there were fish of 12-4 and 9-6 in the book at **Four Winds** as well. Flounder-ing was good on 1/2 to 3/4 lb. fish, says George Valentine.

Greenlawn Sport Shop recommended flatfishing in Northport and Centerport harbors, and Tom **Bowman** said he'd seen some nice flounder over 1½ lbs. from the harbor shallows. One fish off the town dock actually weighed 2 lbs.

Sutler's in Port Jefferson said that the blackfish around Old Field were now smaller and that there were spotty bluefish around Buoy 11 for umbrella trollers. Most of the gang that frequented the Rocky Point fishing Stop wewre headed for the South Shore for beach action, but thee were interesting reports from the Shoreham Pipe, where one 10¼ lb. tautog was reported. The plant area from the east jetty to the creek is crammed with green crabs, and bass should be dining pretty soon.

Ralphs Fishing Station in Mt. Sinai will have skiffs available through November 15 and then sell bait for the remainder of the season. Ralph Davenport reported bluefish off buoys 9 and 11 in mixed sizes from cocktails up to 10 lbs. Flounder were in the harbor, and blackfish were on the Middle Grounds.

NORTH FORK

George Porter of the **Brand X** posted 5 huge tautog from 9.2 to 11¾, taken by sharpies Richard Johnston, Richard G Johnston, Betty Rickert, Fred Slott, and Tom Engstrom on Saturday and weighed at the **A.P. White Bait Shop**. Porter called to tell us that he's fishing wrecks off New London in 80-115 feet of water and pulling hundreds of fish in the couple of hours around slack water. There were 8 fish over 8 pounds Saturday and 14 over 8 on Friday, and 5-6 pounders are routinely swung aboard. Porter himself had to man the gaffs during some of last weeks 40 minute blitzes.

Even in the strong winds and rain squalls on Sunday, Dave Brennan told us that the **Peconic Star** still caught surprisingly well with high hook around 15, but anchoring in 135 feet of water on a 50 foot piece was virtually impossible. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday were excellent with huge hauls of keepers, and Saturday the "banner day of days."

John Rainis of the **Blue Albatross** figures that, although much of the action for Greenport boats lately has been around New London, the tautog will be moving back in this week, especially after some cold weather. Listed sailings for the Greenport fleet will run through November 17th for the **Brand X**, through at least the 25th

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

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SAT.	2:15	2:30	3:00	3:20	2:50	3:05	3:55	4:15	5:30	5:50	5:35	6:00	2:15	2:40	11/17
SUN.	3:20	3:40	4:05	4:20	3:55	4:15	4:55	5:20	6:40	7:10	6:35	7:05	3:15	3:40	11/18
MON.	4:20	4:40	5:05	5:20	4:55	5:15	5:50	6:15	7:50	8:25	7:35	8:00	4:10	4:35	11/19
TUES.	5:15	5:35	5:55	6:15	5:45	6:10	6:40	7:10	8:45	9:20	8:30	9:00	5:05	5:25	11/20
WED.	6:05	6:25	6:50	7:10	6:40	7:00	7:30	8:00	9:40	10:15	9:20	9:50	5:55	6:15	11/21
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Pontunk Point	+3 35
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Bayville Bridge	+0 13
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New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
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South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
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Greenwich	+0 02

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Beavertail Point	−0 02
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Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 11/15	6:50	4:39
FRI. 11/16	6:51	4:38
SAT. 11/17	6:52	4:37
SUN. 11/18	6:54	4:36
MON. 11/19	6:56	4:36
TUE. 11/20	6:57	4:35
WED. 11/21	6:58	4:34

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 11/15	10:51PM	12:54AM
FRI. 11/16	—	1:27AM
SAT. 11/17	12:05AM	1:57AM
SUN. 11/18	1:19AM	2:24AM
MON. 11/19	2:33AM	2:50AM
TUE. 11/20	3:48AM	3:17AM
WED. 11/22	5:05AM	3:47AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
11/22	11/30	11/8	11/16

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	10:20	**4:10**	10:55	**4:40**
Fri.	11:20	**5:10**	11:50	**5:35**
Sat.	—	**5:55**	12:05	**6:20**
Sun.	12:35	**6:40**	12:50	**7:05**
Mon.	1:20	**7:25**	1:35	**7:50**
Tues.	2:05	**8:10**	2:20	**8:40**
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Lady Reelers Fishing Club member, Marie Raycroft, landed this brute of a blackfish during an October 10 trip aboard the Orient Point based, "Blue Albatross." The 14 lb. 2 oz. tautog was submitted to IGFA as a possible 30 lb. class women's record.

and maybe a few weekends thereafter for the **Peconic Star**, and through December 2nd for the **Blue Albatross** (except for a charter date on November 18th). "The people may run out before the fish do.", exclaimed Dave Brennan of the **Peconic Star**.

Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** had a group of bass and bluefish charters on last week's moon tides and did exceptionally well. He had over 60 slammers to 18 pounds jigging on Saturday along with a pair of keeper bass and a bunch of shorts. Using umbrellas on Wednesday, Jensen had 22 keeper bass to 18 lbs. and 12 keeper bass among 35 on Friday. Jensen has now purchased a 45-footer and will probably run her as an open boat out of Greenport next spring with the **Nancy Ann** continuing as a charter.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** reported an 11.6 blackfish for Spyre Williams aboard the Anglela on Saturday and also weighed Steve Sabela's 8.13 from the **Brand X** on Sunday. White mentioned good flounder fishing east of the Greenport jetty in Plum Island harbor, and off East Marion.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** has seen private craft with tautog to 10½ pounds from Plum, Gull, and the old Orient Station. Cottral feels that the best fishing on blacks and flounder is still to come. The flatties are in 40 feet of water around the Point and the Bay has shown gradual improvement around Long Beach, Dering Harbor, Pipes Cove, and Beixedon, with some 2-2½ pound flounder in the takes.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Colofaro

Surf fishing remained solid with most of the action taking place out east and along the South Shore beaches. How long this fall's run will last is anybody's guess as there are still weakfish mixing with the blues and bass on the beaches. Its a safe bet at this point to expect good fishing through the end of the month and into December. Cold weather and hunting season will diminish the ranks of casters considerably but the fish should be there.

Working from west to east, there was good action with big bluefish at Jones Beach, West End II this past week. According to Scott Smyth of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** blues averaging 10-14 pounds were picked on bait throughout the week. Saturday morning was hot with Scott himself nailing 4 slammers to 15.3 pounds in just a short time.

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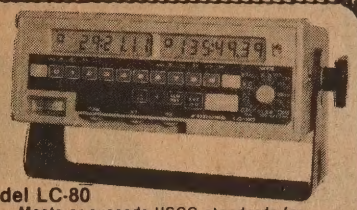

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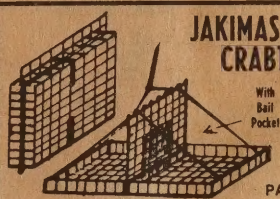

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All of the action at West End, Jones Beach was not confined to bluefish. One of the fall's biggest surf caught stripers was taken from this area on Monday night. Paulie Hoercher called to report taking a 55 pound cow and pairing it with a 37 pounder.

Cedar Beach continued to produce its share of big blues this week according to reports from several sources. Again, Saturday morning was mentioned as producing some solid action for big choppers on bait. Robert Moses Parking Field 4 and Democrat Point played host to some good action this week. At Parking Field 4, where casters often outnumber the fish there were several good flurries of action with blues of mixed sizes but up to 18 pounds, school bass, including a few in the 10-15 pound range and also some weakfish. Tins with droppers have been doing most of the damage in this area. Ava 27 jigs have been favored by most casters, particularly when the surf was up.

From **Captree Bait Station**, Noel Kappauf told of weighing a 16.10 pound blue for Norman Horan on Saturday. It was taken on a tin at Democrat Point. Also on Saturday, Marlene Hines weighed bass of 9.12 and 14.6 pounds along with a 12.6 pound blue. She took the fish at Field 4, Moses on tin.

The Moriches surf produced some impressive stripers for the second consecutive week. According to Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** Mike Langdon led the way in the most impressive fish department with a 50 pound cow taken on a yellow darter

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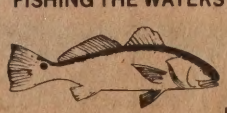

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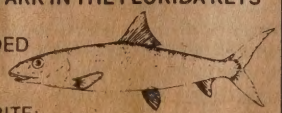

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on Friday night. Mike prefaced this fish with a 27 pounder on Thursday night. It too fell for a yellow darter. Not far behind Mike was Steve Logan with a 45 pound cow taken on tin during the day Friday. This fish was imported from Ponquogue Beach, just west of Shinnecock Inlet. John Orlando used a Bomber plug to nail a 30 pound striper on Saturday according to Paul. There was a good flurry of big blues on bait at Moriches. George Corwin used butterfish to tally 7 choppers between 12 and 16½ pounds. The biggest bluefish of the week was reserved for Sunday. It was taken by Tom Kellenbach and swept the competition in the Patchogue Fishing Club's Annual Surf Bluefish Contest. The big blue, also taken on a butterfish tipped the scale at 21 pounds 14 ounces. Paul noted that there was a flurry of weakfish action on the open beach near the Inlet on Thursday night. Several weaks in the 8-9 pound class were beached by casters.

Out in **Montauk** fishing up front was extremely difficult over much of the weekend due to the heavy seas. This via Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in Montauk. Several nights fish were taken at mid-week. Sal Zanka nailed a 30 pound striper; Joe Bragan, Jr. found a 39.14 pounder and Jack Murray (not the Painter), had fish of 26 and 10 pounds. John spoke of big blues in and out along the south side beaches much of the week. School bass were with the blues but most were shorts. Few 8-15 pound stripers were mixed in. Tuesday saw a day long blitz on blues up front and Saturday saw some blitz-like fishing along the sand beaches between the Towers and Gurney's.

Don Avondolio called to say that he saw a total of maybe 10 bass in the teen to 20 pound class taken under the Light Thursday night. Friday evening, Don managed two 12 pound blues and a school bass at Hither Hills using an Ava 27 with a tube. Don also reported that Richard Weise nailed a 36 pound striper on the east side of Shinnecock Inlet Friday night. He paired the big bass with blues of 17 and 19 pounds taken on Friday morning. A bucktail accounted for the striper.

By now its old news concerning the tremendous hauls of stripers made at Montauk by the haul seiners on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. Any number of casters called to express their disgust at the tremendous numbers of stripers dragged ashore those two days. Reliable sources indicate the poundage that came off the east end for both days totalled over 100,000 pounds of stripers. What angered casters even more and shocked passing tourists was the tremendous waste of thousands of pounds of bluefish left to rot on the beach. This leaving of fish on the beach is against the law and anyone witnessing such acts should report them to the DEC office in Stony Brook. The phone number is 516-751-7900.

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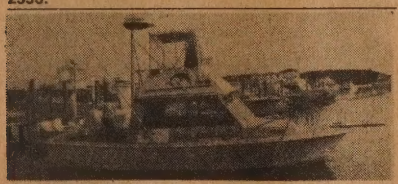

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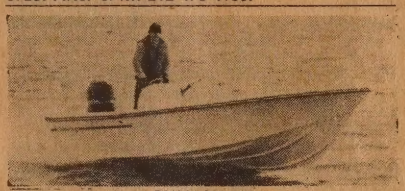

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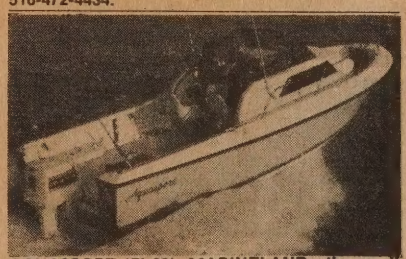

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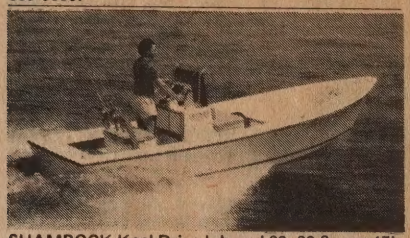

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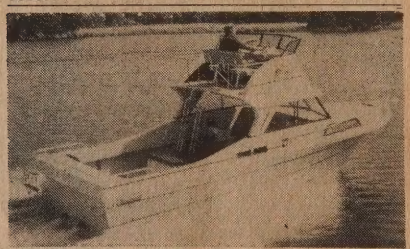

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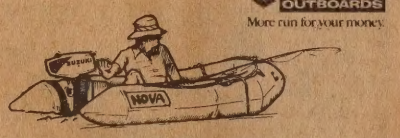

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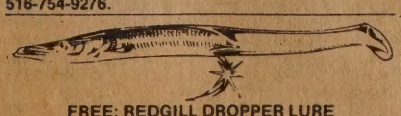

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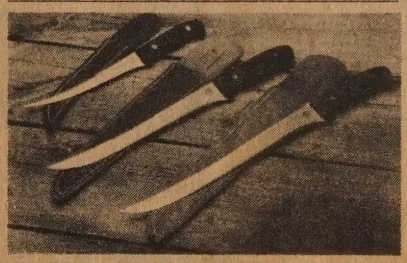

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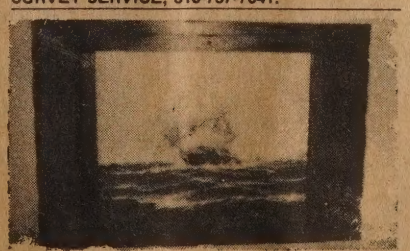

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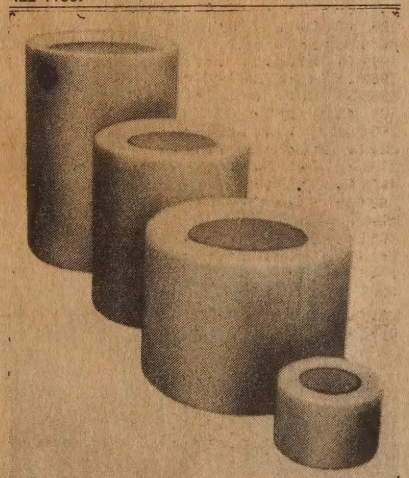

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